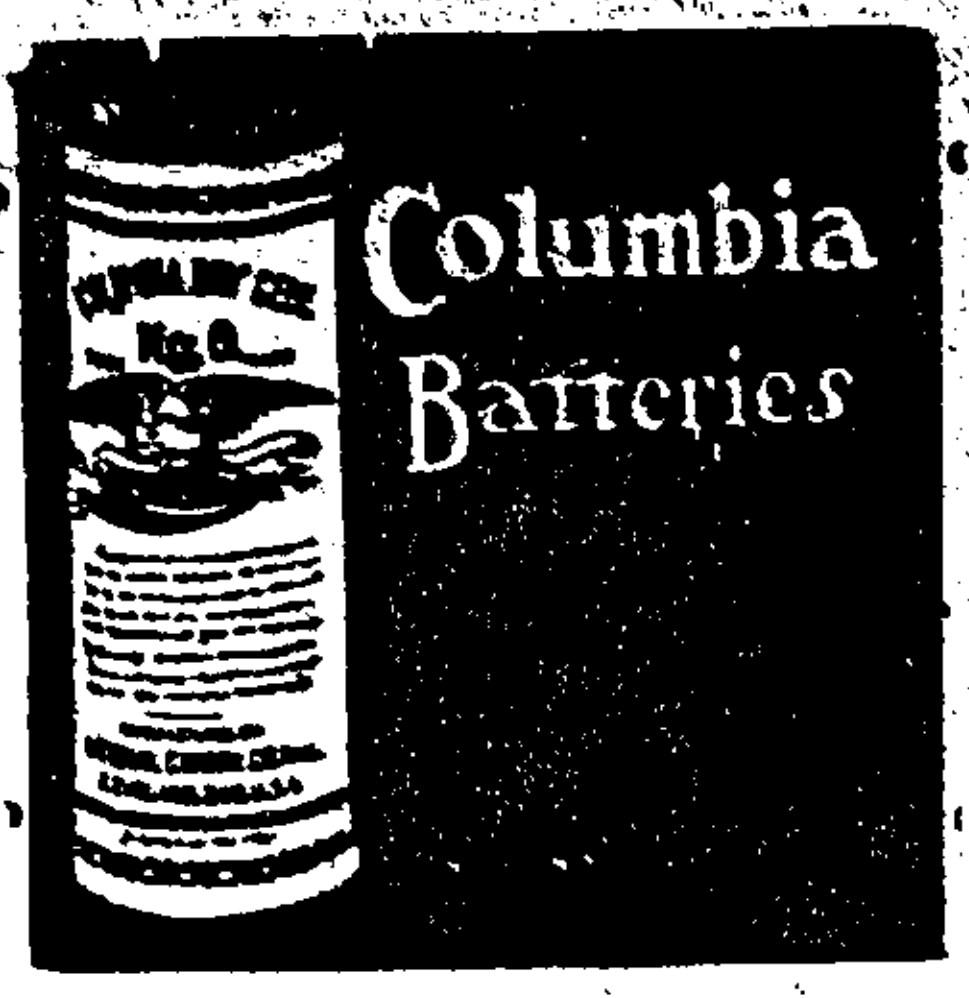




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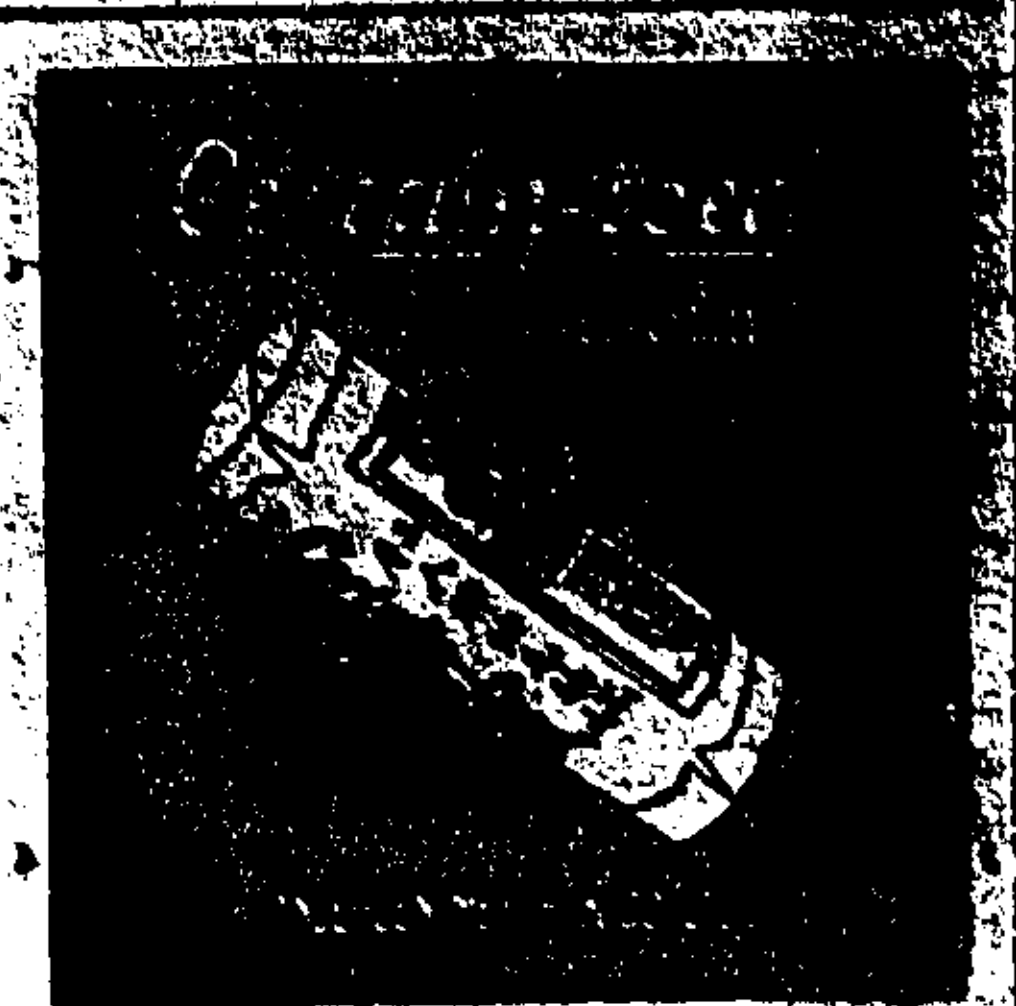
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THE IRISH DUEL.

Mr. de Valera and Mr. Griffith at Open Breach.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 19.
The public session of Dail Eireann, which is finally to decide the fate of the Irish agreement, opened at Dublin in an atmosphere of intense excitement.

There were heated passages between Mr. de Valera and Mr. Griffith. The latter, who moved the ratification of the agreement, said that the signatories and every man with a scrap of honour would stand by the treaty, which absolutely safeguarded Ireland's interests. It's rejection would mean the resumption of war in which Ireland would be fighting against the sympathy of the British Empire and the world.

Mr. de Valera urged rejection of the treaty, which he described as the most ignominious document ever signed.

Parliament Prorogued.

London, December 19.

Parliament has been prorogued till January 31.
The King's prerogative speech expresses deep satisfaction at Parliament's approval of the Irish agreement and readiness to give effect to its provisions.

Delegate's Assertion as to How Treaty was Signed.

Mr. Barton created a sensation by saying that he and Mr. Gavan Duffy opposed the signing of the treaty, but that Mr. Lloyd George delivered an ultimatum demanding their signature before a certain hour or war would be renewed. Mr. Barton and Mr. Gavan Duffy denied not accept responsibility for war, and therefore signed. They now recommended acceptance.

FRANCE'S ATTITUDE ON THE NAVAL QUESTION.

Contradictory Messages.

London, December 19.

M. Briand was received by the American Ambassador, Col. Harvey, at Carlton Hotel last night. The French Premier informed the Ambassador that France would accept the original 553 naval proposal of Mr. Hughes, which under France's proportion is fixed at 1.75 and Italy's at 1.65.

Report of French Acceptance "Inaccurate."

Paris, December 19.

Reports from Washington that M. Briand had accepted the tonnage allocated to France by Mr. Hughes in the final draft of the naval agreement scheme seem inaccurate. It is pointed out that the ratio fixed by Mr. Hughes affected only Britain, the United States, and Japan, and that France did not intervene in the discussions concerning this. The French delegation, if it seemed disposed to entertain the American views in regard to capital ships, made it clear that France's requirements in cruisers, torpedo-destroyers, and submarines were the indispensable minimum for the defence of the French coasts and communications with the colonies.

Uncertainty "Cleared Up."

Paris, December 19.

The uncertainty respecting the French attitude on the battle-ship ratio has been cleared up by a communique from the Ministry of Marine stating that M. Briand, on his arrival in London, expressed the desire that France conform to America's wishes regarding the ratio, but that no percentage has been fixed.

Naval Committee's Meeting Postponed.

Washington, December 19.

At the request of M. Saraut, Mr. Hughes postponed the meeting of the naval sub-committee until to-morrow.

EUROPE'S FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

The Gathering in London.

London, December 19.

The British and French Premier's conversations began at Downing Street this morning.

Mr. Lloyd George was accompanied by Mr. Chamberlain, and Sir Robert Horn, while M. Briand was accompanied by M. M. Loucheur and Berthelot. The meeting adjourned till to-morrow. A communique says that there was general talk on general economic questions. The matter will be submitted to the Treasury for investigation. British and French financial experts will confer this afternoon and report to the full conference to-morrow.

An interesting development is the return to London of Dr. Rathenau, negotiator of the Wiesbaden agreement. It is thought that he may interview M.M. Briand and Loucheur.

The French Attitude.

Paris, December 19.

From opinions gathered by l'Echo de Paris in M. Briand's surroundings, the latter is going to insist in London upon recognition of France's rights to full payments. Only then can she entertain the idea of a general conference on Europe's economic situation. On the whole M. Briand's associates are very optimistic.—Havas

PURPOSES OF THE CONSORTIUM.

Mr. Lamont Denies.

New York, December 19.

In view of recent inaccurate statements in regard to the international Consortium for loans to China, Mr. F. V. Lamont, in a statement, denies that the Consortium seeks financial control of China and asserts that, having been organised originally at the instance of several Governments, the Consortium, upon notice from such Governments that its services were no longer required, would be prepared to arrange for immediate dissolution. The Consortium seeks to avoid any responsibility beyond being properly assured that in any loan operations it is rightfully discharging its responsibility, finally, to the Chinese people of providing funds only for constructive purposes, and, secondly, to investment communities of ensuring that any loans to China will be properly safeguarded. No loan to China will be made by the Consortium except at the expressed desire of the Chinese Government.

"NAKED HANDS."

The World Theatre.

The Modern Method Producing Co. presents the famous play, Mr. G.M. Anderson as Broncho Billy in "Naked Hands" which is going to be shown at the World Theatre this afternoon and for two successive days at 5.15 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

This picture shows that none deserve the character of being good who have not the spirit to be bad and that goodness lies not in never failing but in surviving every failure. Broncho Billy who worships his young wife, wandering far into the everlasting hills, tears rock asunder to look for gold to give her. He spent many years after this gold rush and at last discovers gold but at this moment he is deserted by his wife who, getting very tired of staying in the wild country, flies away with Arthur Stanton, her old lover, to live together in a big city. Betrayed by the one he loved best, Billy sets fire to his house and burns down everything.

Two years have elapsed and Edith, Billy's wife, now deserted by her lover, discovers that Stanton has a wife and child while Billy is now a rich mine owner. Billy readily forgives his wife and calls on her. After

CELEBRATING.

His Last Night Ashore.

Thomas Playford, a seaman of H.M.S. Ambrose, when charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with firing crackers at a late hour in Spring Garden Lane, said that it was his last night ashore and in company with other men who had to go Home on being relieved from the China Station, was "celebrating" it.

Evidence was given to the effect that, with three others, Playford went into one of the houses and fired off crackers. When remonstrated with by the mistress, defendant proceeded to smash a lamp bracket.

The complainant put in a claim for \$25 compensation for the damage. His Worship, on being informed by Inspector Blackman that the damage ran up to only \$5, allowed her that sum at the expense of Playford who was, moreover, ordered to pay another \$3 as a fine.

Interviewing Edith, Billy goes to Stanton to avenge himself with Naked Hands. How humanity suddenly comes to him is dramatic and tense. This picture is a story of the great outdoors with thrill, comedy and action.

U.S. ANTI-IMMIGRATION LAW.

Cunard Co. Fined the Maximum.

Washington, December 19.

Mr. Davis, Secretary of Labour, has ordered fines to the limit of the statute to be levied against the Cunard Line owing to the arrival on 10th inst. aboard the Aquitania of three hundred Hungarians although it is alleged that the Immigration Bureau on the 1st inst. informed all steamship lines that the Hungarian immigration quota up to July 1932 had been exhausted.

HOLLAND'S OIL INDUSTRY.

Assurance Respecting Taxation.

Amsterdam, December 19.

The Colonial Minister announced in Parliament that the oil industry would not be taxed in a way that would jeopardise the international market. The declaration has led to the belief that the additional taxation threatened to the Royal Dutch Petroleum Co. will not be imposed.

DARING NEW YORK ROBBERY.

Bandits Rob Broadway Cinema.

New York, December 19.

Three bandits entered a cinema theatre in the Broadway this evening and held up the manager and three employees with revolvers. The bandits stole ten thousand dollars from the safe and escaped.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NAVAL HOLIDAY.

Washington, Dec. 19.

Contrary to earlier statements, Reuter learns on the best authority that the French naval proposals were fully approved by the French Government before submission. Moreover, the French are not disposed to consent to material reduction of the proposals, which include the construction of ten new battleships, aggregating 350,000 tons, the first of which would be laid down in 1928, when the capital ship tonnage would be 164,000, consisting entirely of old dreadnoughts. In 1931 it would be 200,000 tons, consisting of two old and six new dreadnoughts, and in 1932 235,000 tons, consisting of seven new and one old dreadnoughts; and reaching its total in 1941 with 350,000 tons consisting of ten new dreadnoughts.

French experts claim that the French Navy at the end of the decade would have approximately 200,000 tons in battleships, or only 60,000 tons over the American offer.

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL CHAOS.

London, Dec. 19.

M. Briand arrived in London last night with a large retinue of experts for the inter-Premier conference. The agenda of this conference is so far-reaching (including reparations, debts, exchange and currency) that neither side pretends to aim at reaching concrete decisions, but to clear the way for a comprehensive discussion between all the Allies. The most immediate issue, reparations, is insoluble without the inclusion of Belgium and Italy. Hereafter the impression nowhere exists that precipitate curtailment of Germany's statutory indebtedness is contemplated. In any case the question is bound up with the whole European economic and financial condition, thus inspiring ambitious hopes that the Allied discussions will develop into a general European Conference on the Washington model, attended by neutrals and ex-enemies and perhaps even Russia.

ANGLO-BALTIC SHIPBUILDING.

Reval, Dec. 19.

The Anglo-Baltic shipbuilding yards have been formally opened under the British and Estonian flags.

SERIOUS FIRE.

Big Blast in Queen's Road.

A rather alarming fire broke out this morning at No. 322 Queen's Road, Central. The ground floor is occupied by a shoe and firecracker store and the upper storeys were used for the storage of crackers, joss sticks, and other inflammable material. The fire originated on the top floor, the cause of the outbreak being at present unknown.

The Brigade was soon on the spot with two fire engines, but the blast had secured a good hold by that time. Firecrackers were soon exploding and the general nature of the goods stored made fire-fighting a hazardous task. The C. & P. and other officials were in attendance and efforts were directed to the saving of the adjoining property. The whole of the house was gutted from top to bottom, but the next house was saved, beyond suffering slight damage by fire and further damage by water.

A serious incident occurred during the course of the fire. Two Chinese firemen were standing on the third floor of the building when it suddenly collapsed. They were thrown on the floor below which in turn gave way. The men were eventually rescued by their comrades from a heap of burning debris, and were at once dispatched to the hospital by motor ambulance. Their condition is rather serious.

The fire was not fully subdued until 1.30 and at the time of going to press the brigade was still standing by to prevent further outbreak among the ruins of the house now presents.

We are informed by the Superintendent of the Brigade that had it not been for the nearness of the scene of the outbreak to the Station, the extent of the conflagration would have been much larger, owing to inflammable and explosive contents, the place was burning like dry tinder. As it was, it kept the full force and three men continuously working at high pressure to prevent it from involving the adjoining house.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The Government of Czechoslovakia has informed the editors of the German newspapers in that country—and thereby also given notice to all whom it may concern—that the republic's name is Czechoslovakia, and none other. It appears that there has been a disposition among the German inhabitants and in Austria and Germany to refer to the country as Czechia. Now the Germans in Czechoslovakia have been solemnly warned that if they persist in using the shorter name they will be proceeded against and severely punished. Is there another example of the law being invoked in such a fashion to fix the name of a country? The common terms "German-Bornheim" and "Sudeteland" (land of the Sudetic Mountains), both of which are regions in the republic, are henceforward also forbidden names.

Another case before the Committee of Privileges of the Lords which involves romantic history is the claim to the baronies of Ferrers, Compton and Bouchier. But for attainer in Henry VII's reign, the great De Ferrers family might have held the earldom of Derby with an honour more than 300 years older than that of the Stanleys. The early history of the De Ferrers is practically that of England, but their power waned with the eighth earl, who sided with Simon de Montfort and was captured at Evesham. He was ransomed for £50,000 (now worth about a million), but rebelled again, and was found hiding under wool bags in Chesterfield Church. His life was spared, but his estates were forfeited. Eventually the barony became vested in the marquessate of Townshend, and has been dormant since the death in 1855 of the third marquess.

THE RACES.

The Prospects Reviewed.

BY "WIRELESS."

The Annual Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club has been fixed for the 30th, 31st, 22nd, and 25th (Off-Day) February 1932 and there are, as usual, 11 races each day. The programme will soon be out and I understand it is practically the same as that of last year with the exception that conditions of some of the griffins have been modified to meet the A and B classes of Larsen Subscription Griffins and the distance of the Footcup Race, which hitherto was One Mile and a Half Handicap Race, has been changed to 2 Miles Race for China Ponies with allowances for both classes of griffins.

During last fortnight, there have been over 20 odd Derby Griffins measured at Happy Valley and the following is a list of ponies that are now doing their daily works—

Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze (3 Ponies)
Bay, Chestnut & Grey.
Mr. P. A. Cox (1) Bay.
Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (1) Spotted Roan.
Mr. R. M. Dyer (1) Grey.
Mr. H. Birkett (2) Dun & Chestnut.
Mr. Towers (1) Dark Chestnut.
Mr. Ellis Kadooree (4) Cream, Chestnut, Blue & Spotted Roan.
Mr. H. W. Sassoon (3) Grey, Black & Bay.
Mr. J. Bell-Irving (2) Bay & Dun.
Mr. G. H. Potts, 2 Greys.
Mr. M. A. L. Soares, (1) Dun.
Mr. Ferdand (1) Dun.

Sir Paul's string has not yet arrived but I understand he will have three or more Derby Ponies and they will be due here about the beginning of the year. It will undoubtedly interest race-goers to learn that Mr. Potts is expecting another two griffins and Mr. Toeg of Shanghai is sending down three Derby candidates, also his long stay Wilson. In view of the scarcity of timed griffins in Shanghai and the high cost of same, I do not think any more Derby ponies are expected. It is with regret I learn that only a few days ago Mr. Nemaze lost his Derby griffin (a small Dun pony 12.2) which died from Colic and yesterday he had the misfortune again to lose his Pardon. Apart from the fact that the cost of griffins is very very expensive, owners are experiencing great difficulties in securing class ponies and I will not be surprised to see that one of the Larsens will capture the Blue Ribbon. I must confess, without prejudice, that some of the Derby Candidates are worthless and for the time being, my fancy is Mr. Sassoon's Grey and Mr. Nemaze's Chestnut. We have another two months to go and there is ample time for other ponies to improve.

As regards the Old Ponies, Hongkong Chief and Repulse Bay Chief have started their work, the former looking very well and likewise Spotted Sand. Sandy Bay owned by Mr. T. S. Forrest and Daybreak (Mr. H. W. Sassoon) are very fine animals. Fighting King, Mighty King and Allied King are looking very well and an enthusiast has offered me £1 to 1 that Mr. Potts wins the Champion and I do not think that it is necessary for me to tell the rest. Empire Dahlia, Honesty Dahlia and Hope Dahlia will be here for the meeting.

The Larsen Subscription Griffins are doing some good work and there is much talk about the following:
H.E. the Governor's Chestnut.
The Hon. Mr. Holyoak's Skewball.
Mr. D. G. M. Bernard's Grey.
Mr. J. Bell-Irving's Black.
Mr. P. H. Kow's Bay.
Mr. G. C. Moxon's Cream.
Lady Chester's Blue Dun.
Mr. C. Montague Edie's Grey.
Mr. Power's Grey.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 7 1/2d.

The Weather:
2 p.m. Barometer—29.97. Temperature—46. Humidity—78.

Lighting-Up Time:
Lighting-up time to-day—5.43 p.m.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Sino-French Agreement Signed.

Local depositors and creditors of the Banque Industrielle de Chine will be pleased and interested to learn that telegrams have been received in the Colony to-day indicating a definite attempt to re-establish the Bank.

The information, to hand to that in the Supreme Court at Shanghai yesterday morning when the formal winding-up petition came on, a telegram was read which had just been received by the Manager of the Bank from the Manager of the Bank at Peking. The telegram stated—"Agreement between Chinese Government and French Government concluded to-day. We consider our Bank as definitely saved."

The following letter was also read, this being from the French Consul at Singapore to the Manager of the Bank at Singapore:—"I beg to inform you that the French Minister at Peking has wired me that on 17th. Decenber an agreement has been concluded with the Chinese Government regarding reorganisation of Banque Industrielle. The measures which the French Government are about to take in the matter will be known before the end of December."

In conversation with M. Beau, the French Consul-General in Hongkong, a *Telegraph* representative was informed that no official news had yet reached him.

MONEY FOR THE NAVY.

As a result of the latest auditing of the account of the Ministry of Navy, several influential men in the department concerned are being suspected and it is agreed that one month's salary will be promptly delivered in return to the whole Ministry.—Yishih Pan.

News in Today's New Advertisements.

The Kowloon Theatre has a Special Dance on to-night. The programme of music is published on Page 7.
The Chilean Consul says that the embarkation of Asiatic emigrants for Chile is prohibited until further notice.—Page 4.
Messrs Backhouse and Manns advise consignees of cargo of the arrival of the Motor Ship Indian.—Page 4.

Anderson's "Naked Hands" is the attraction at the World Theatre to-night.—Page 12.

The motor vessel "Glenavy" has arrived. It brought cargo loaded per M. V. "Glenogle" at Middleborough, Hamburg and Antwerp which was subsequently landed at Antwerp owing to a collision with s.s. "Edam." A General Average has been declared. Consignees should apply to Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd.—Page 5.

Powell's publish a list of Christmas Presents for Gentlemen.—Page 7.

Lt-Col Wyndham and officers of the Wilts Regt. will be "At Home" to their friends at the Polo Ground on December 22 when the final for the K.O.Y.L.L. Cup will be played.—Page 4.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED.

WANTED.—Young Danish lady wishing to go to Europe in the Spring is willing to help with children in return for passage to Denmark. Via America not objected to.—Reply to Miss G. Jensen c/o Mr. V. K. Bjerre, 6 Hart Road, Shanghai.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—Floors in the new Bank Building, 4, Des Voeux Road, Central.—Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

We have this day REMOVED our Office to No. 6, Des Voeux Road, above the Bank of Canton Limited. ARRATON V. APCAR & CO.

HONGKONG HOTEL NEW GRILL ROOM

The usual DINNER DANCING will NOT be held on TUESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1921.

CHILEAN CONSULATE.
By order of the Chilean Government the embarkation of Asiatic emigrants for Chile is prohibited until further notice, there being at present many men without work.
When shipment of emigrants is resumed \$5.00 only will be collected for Consular fees.
CONSUL FOR CHILE.

POLO MATCH.

Lt. Col. J. R. Wyndham and the Officers 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will be "At Home" to their friends on the Polo Ground, Causeway Bay at 4.00 p.m. Thursday, December, 22nd, 1921, when the final for the K.O.Y.L.L. Cup will be played.
The Civilian versus The Army The Regimental Band will play selections during the afternoon.

RACE WEEK.

A FANCY DRESS BALL in aid of THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.
Monday, February, 20th 1922, at 9.15 at the CITY HALL.
Tickets \$5. Booking at Moutrie's. \$1. fine for non-Fancy Dress will be collected at the door.
2 Lucky Number Prizes for those in Fancy Dress.

THE EAST ASIATIC Co., Ltd. Copenhagen.

The Motorship "INDIAN" having arrived. Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that all goods are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Dec., will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th Dec. at 10 a.m.
All claims must reach us after the 31st Dec., or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by MANNERS & BACKHOUSE, LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 20th Dec., 1921.

THE AMALGAMATED PRESS, LIMITED.

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS

Just Arrived LONDON & GAZETTE PREMIER MAGAZINE and other PERIODICALS.
On Sale at "Press" Kiosk, Blakes Pier, Ah Yee, Bookellers, Kowloon Ferry, Wharf, Hongkong, Park Tramway Bookstall, Hongkong, Lee Yee Hair Dressers, Hongkong, Kowloon Ferry Bookstall, Kowloon.
Wholesale Agents: White Star Bookseller, Hongkong & Canton.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on Wednesday, the 21st Dec., 1921 commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street
A Quantity of Proprietary Medicines (Burroughs Wellcome & Co., Allen and Hanbury, Stearns and others)
"in good condition"

Also
A Line of Toilet Soaps of various well-known makes
And
61 cases (5 gallon) Walker's Carbolicene
Terms: Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday, the 21st Dec., 1921 at 12 o'clock (noon)
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.

26 cases Castlemaine Beer (qts.)—Australian
30 cases Charles Heidsieck Champagne
10 cases Beehive Brandy
15 cases Figs
Terms: Cash on delivery
LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Thursday, the 22nd Dec., 1921 commencing at 11 a.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street

A FINE SELECTION OF TOYS (Just Arrived)
Comprising:—
Fine Dolls, Rocking horses, Toy Steamer, Warships, etc., etc.
Terms: Cash on delivery
LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

Wednesday the 28th Dec., 1921 commencing at 11 a.m.
at No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, (First Floor)

A Quantity of Office Furniture and Fittings
Also
1 Chubb's Safe
Height 4' 5"
Width 3' 4"
Depth 2' 3"
1 Remington Typewriter 18"
1 Remington Typewriter
1 Howe Scale
3 Electric Fans
1 Radiator
And
1 Lot Electric Fittings
On view on day of sale
Catalogue will be issued
Terms: Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

NOTICE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Our Store will be open during this week until 6.00 p.m. (including Saturday).

NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that on account of Mr. L. GAIN, present local manager having resigned, Mr. IUGO GONELLA, will sign per pro on and after December 15th, 1921.

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Sails: 20th November, 1921, leaving Hongkong, 21st November, 1921, leaving Hongkong, 28th November, 1921, leaving Hongkong.
Apply The, Cook and Sons, 10, Wing Lok Street.

NOTICE OF REM VAL.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.
NOTICE is hereby given that the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Limited, will remove on Monday, November 28th, to York Building, No. 13 Chater Road.

PEAK HOTEL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that consequent upon the impending change of ownership of the above Hotel all persons having any accounts outstanding against the above Hotel are hereby requested to send particulars of such accounts to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January, 1922, so that the same may be duly paid and satisfied.
Dated this 15th day of Dec., 1921
DEACON, LOOKER, DEACON & HARTSON.
1, Des Voeux Road, Central, HONGKONG.
Solicitors for the Proprietor of the Peak Hotel.

BRITISH LEGION.

HONGKONG AND CHINA BRANCH.

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday, 21st Dec., 1921, at 5.15 p.m. with the following objects:—
1. To accept the Constitution of the "British Legion."
2. To confirm the existing Rules of the Branch, except in so far as the same conflict with the Constitution, pending the adoption of By-Laws to be drawn up by the General Committee, and submitted to a General Meeting.
3. To appoint Auditors.
By order of the General Committee.
H.K. HOLMES, Hon. Secretary.

THE COWIE HARBOUR COAL COMPANY LIMITED. SILIMPOPON COAL.

The undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined SILIMPOPON COAL, trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo) or to contract for regular Bunker Supplies for 6 or 12 months at favourable rates.
Seamers calling at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN exclusively for Bunkers are exempt from payment of ordinary Port Charges. The minimum draft of water alongside the Company's Wharf at Sebatik is 28 feet at low water Spring Tides. Charts of Cowie Bay (Sebatik Harbour) and any required information concerning the port can be had on application to
BRADLEY & CO. LTD. Agents,
The COWIE HARBOUR COAL CO. LTD.

SIR CHARLES ADDIS.

Leading Banker's Advice.

Sir Charles Addis, who, with Lady and Miss Addis, is now visiting the Colony and who is the head of the London Committee of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, gave some good advice to recover Britain's trade in his presidential address to the Institute of Bankers in London just before he left home.

Sir Charles remarked at the outset that it was easy to argue in the light of subsequent events that certain things might have been done differently or not done at all, to be wise after the event—back-jobbing they called it in the City—but to his mind it was a barren exercise of the wits, as facile as it was fruitless. Public expenditure was largely a matter of public policy, especially of foreign policy, and for that we must all accept our share of responsibility.

As far as the administration was concerned, no one who had had much to do with the personnel of the Treasury Department would doubt their high competence or the sincerity of their efforts to practise a wise economy. There was nothing to be gained by bringing railing accusations against men who were as bent as we were upon their duty to the country; we were only rendering their task more difficult. Criticism to be of use now must be constructive, and of that there had been little enough.

If we were ever to get back to an effective gold standard, it would be by the exercise of the old virtues of hard work and thrift, public and private, and by no other means. Meanwhile do not let them discourage themselves—and others—by belittling what had already been accomplished. For the last two years we had as a nation been more than paying our way. We had been able to put by a little and on balance to reduce our internal debt.

It was true that the figures for the current financial year were less reassuring. Since the 1st April last there had been an excess of expenditure over revenue of some 58 million pounds. It must be remembered, however, that this was the result of the lean half of the financial year. Despite the unprecedented difficulties with which the Treasury was faced (coal stoppage, trade depression, Irish trouble), he did not despair of seeing a balance on the right side at the end of the year.

A WORLD OF ILLUSION.

Professor Cassel's evaluation proposal might have all the merits claimed for it, but if it failed to take sufficient account of human nature, or, should he say, of human nature as we knew it in these islands, it was doomed to nullify. To suppose that a people so conservative by instinct, so tenacious of custom, so careful of tradition, could be induced to trample on their monetary past and to relinquish the dearly purchased gold standard, which, rightly or wrongly, they believed to be bound up with the prestige of their national credit and their supremacy in international finance, was to live in a world of illusion.

The fact was that the condition precedent to the success of Professor Cassel's scheme for the stabilisation of exchanges abroad was the stabilisation of prices at home, and we appeared to be a long way from that yet.

"The situation of the working classes in this country might well give us pause when we are asked to arrest the fall in prices. Money wages rose with the boom, but upon the whole they lagged behind prices, and Mr. Clynes had reason on his side when he said, in his address to his Trade Union Conference, that the advance in real wages could only come with the fall in prices."

FLIGHT OF THE MIDDLE CLASSES.

"If this is true of the working classes, it is true in a far greater degree of the middle classes, people living on small fixed in-

comes. Bankers know better than most people the bitter suffering, for the most part silently, indeed heroically, borne, which inflation has inflicted and still inflicts upon the professional classes whose remuneration is fixed by custom, upon retired officials living on their pensions, and upon their widows and children who are dependent upon annuities for their support.

"I do not intend to use the language of exaggeration when I say that unless something is done for their relief, there is a danger of a large section of this valuable portion of the community being wiped out as it has already been wiped out in Germany. I see no hope of the restoration of the old standard of living and of comfort for the great middle class of this country unless prices are further reduced."

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The light cruiser Durban was commissioned on the 1st ult. by Captain Reinold for service with the Fifth Light Cruiser Squadron on the China Station, and she left Devonport on the 18th ult. for her destination. The Durban, which is one of the "D" class, was built in a very leisurely manner. Laid down at Messrs. Scott's yard, Greenock, in January, 1918, she would have been rapidly put together had it not been for the termination of the war. She was suspended for some time after the Armistice, and after being advanced somewhat further on the Clyde was sent to Devonport to be completed. Up till she hoisted the pennant, the Durban cost the ratepayers the sum of £861,602, exclusive of guns, stores, etc. The Durban will be on her new station by the time that the Prince of Wales arrives in the Far East. She goes out to replace the Colombo. Captain C. B. Ballard, which will be transferred to the East Indies Station. It is interesting to note the Durban will take out with her the gifts from the people of South Africa, which were formally presented to the ship at the office of the High Commissioner in London recently. These consist of a representation of the city arms of Durban in oak, a chased silver rose bowl with floral decorations, and ram's head with the Durban arms in enamel, and an oval fruit and flower dish, also bearing the arms in enamel. The Durban branch of the Navy League has also presented the cruiser with a set of band instruments, two silver cups for sports competitions, and a silk white ensign and silk Union Jack, the last-named from the ladies of the branch. The Durban is due to reach Singapore Dec. 28, and leave Dec. 31 and arrive Hongkong Jan. 5.

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FLASHES FROM THE STATES.

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If we don't hurry and build more battleships we won't be ready for disarmament. —*Brooklyn Eagle.*
Weather sharps are predicting a hard winter for everybody except coal dealers. —*Brooklyn Eagle.*
Gambling blamed for fall of mark. And the gambler most responsible is an exile in Holland who convinced himself that he was betting on an absolutely sure thing. —*Providence Journal.*
An Indian named Man-A-Fraid-of-Nothing married a white woman in Montana not long ago, and in one week after the wedding he applied to his tribe to have his name changed. —*Boston Transcript.*
The world has too many cranks and not enough self-starters. —*Columbia (S.C.) Record.*
Another excellent frontispiece for a war history would be a life-size portrait of a tax receipt. —*Indianapolis Star.*
So many people are busy being unemployed that it is extremely hard to get any work done. —*Boston Transcript.*
However, the report that the League of Nations is dying comes from those who once said it was dead. —*Detroit News.*
Lenin and Trotsky would like to try their method on a country where the people don't have to eat. —*Detroit Journal.*
The earth has fourteen movements, say scientists. This evidently omits reform movements. —*Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.*
An Irish correspondent writes us: "Lloyd George, Welshman though he be, ought to have sense enough to understand that an Irishman does not want peace by agreement." Work it out for yourself. —*Charleston Gazette.*

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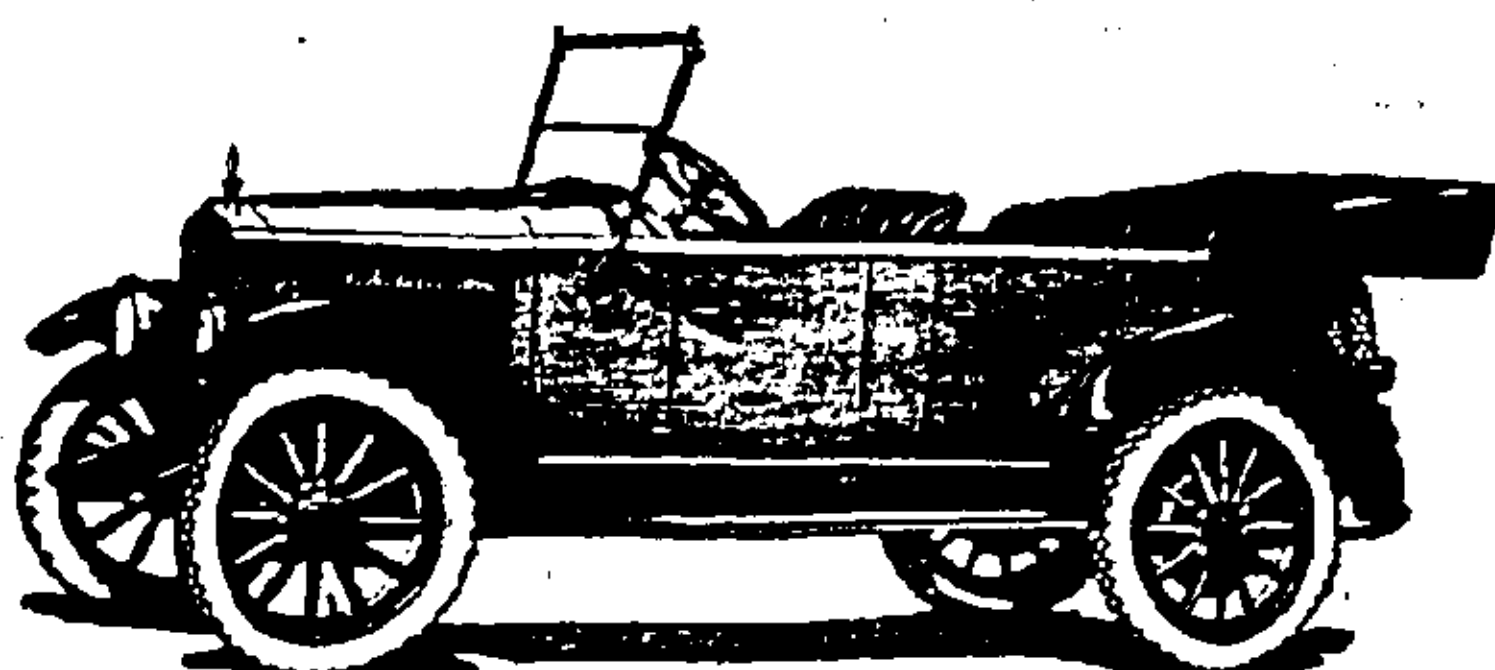
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Consignees per Company's
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are hereby notified that the Cargo
 will be discharged into Holt's
 Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie
 at Consignees' risk and subject to
 terms and conditions of storage
 at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will
 be ready for delivery from Go-
 down on and after 19th Dec.

Optional cargo will be landed,
 unless notice has been given prior
 to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
 goods are to be left in the
 Godowns, where they will be
 examined on any Tuesdays and
 Fridays between the hours of
 10.45 a.m. and noon within the
 free storage period.

No claims will be admitted
 after the Goods have left the
 steamer's Godown, and all Goods
 remaining undelivered after the
 24th December, will be subject to
 rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
 must be presented to the under-
 signed on or before the 7th Jan.,
 or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be
 effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 13th Dec., 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

From TACOMA via YOKO-
 HAMA, KOBE & MANILA.
 The Company's Steamship
 "ALABAMA MARU."

having arrived from the above
 ports, Consignees of Cargo by her
 are hereby notified that their
 goods are being landed and placed
 at their risk in the Hongkong and
 Kowloon Wharf and Godown
 Company's Godowns at Kowloon,
 where delivery can be obtained
 as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 24th
 Dec., 1921 will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be
 left in the Godowns for examina-
 tion by the Consignees' repre-
 sentative and the Company's
 Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and
 Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday
 and Saturday. All claims must
 be presented within Ten days of
 the steamer's arrival here, after
 which date they cannot be re-
 cognized. No claim will be ad-
 mitted after the goods have left
 the Godowns.

No fire insurance whatever
 will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
 send in their Bills of Lading for
 countersignature immediately.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.
 Y. YASUDA.
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 18th December, 1921.

MINE CO. ROBBED.

The Chiuta Mine Co. at Ying-
 tze-tsun, Suiyuan Circuit, is re-
 ported to have lately been robbed
 by the villagers owing to the dis-
 affection and feelings of hatred
 which existed between the
 officials of the Company and the
 local people. Thousands of dollars
 have been lost and the Manager
 has instituted a suit in the local
 court, accusing the three ring-
 leaders.—*Hsipei Pao.*

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

KONINKRIJKE PAKKETVAART
 MAATSCHAPPIJ

From BELAWAN DELI,
 PENANG and SINGAPORE.

The Steamship
 "VAN CLON"

having arrived from the above
 ports, consignees of cargo by her
 are notified that all goods are
 being landed at their risk into
 the hazardous and/or extra-
 hazardous godowns of the Hong-
 kong & Kowloon Wharf &
 Godown Co. Ltd., whence and/or
 from the wharves delivery may
 be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd,
 Dec., 1921 will be subject to rent.
 All broken, chafed and damaged
 packages are to be left in the
 godowns, where they will be
 examined on the 21st, Dec.,
 1921, at 10 a.m. by Messrs.
 Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer
 must be presented in writing
 within ten days after arrival of
 steamer, otherwise they will not
 be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be
 effected by the undersigned in any
 case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
 signed by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 15th Nov., 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship
 "SILVER STATE"

having arrived from Seattle
 via ports, on 17th December
 consignees are hereby notified
 that their cargo is being landed at
 their risk into the Godowns of
 The Hon Shan Godown Co. Nos.
 1 and 2, Dundas St. Yaumati and
 stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must pro-
 duce an Import permit signed by
 the Superintendent of Imports and
 Exports, Hongkong, before
 Bills of Lading will be counter-
 signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged
 cargo is to be left in the Godowns
 where it will be examined at 10
 a.m. on 23rd Dec., by the Co's
 surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and
 Douglas.

All claims must be presented
 within thirty days of the steamer's
 arrival here, after which they
 cannot be recognized. No claim
 will be recognized after the goods
 have left the Godowns, and cargo
 undelivered on and after 24th
 Dec., will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will
 be effected.

Consignees are requested to
 send in their Bills of Lading for
 countersignature immediately.

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THE ADMIRAL LINE.
 5th Floor, Union Building.
 Hongkong, 17th December, 1921.

MONEY FOR LEGATIONS.

In consequence of the urgent
 demands of the Ministers abroad
 for financial aid, it is ascertained
 that Dr. W. W. Yen, Minister of
 Foreign Affairs, has recently ap-
 proached the International Bank-
 ing Corporation requesting it to
 advance fifty thousand dollars
 that will be completely devoted
 to the payment of the Chinese
 legations abroad on the security
 of the Ton tax.—*Hsipei Pao.*

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From UNITED KINGDOM,
 PORT SAID, COLOMBO
 & STRAITS.

The M.V.

"GLENNAVY"

having arrived from the above
 ports, Consignees of Cargo by her
 are hereby informed that all
 goods are being landed at their
 risk into the hazardous and/or
 extra hazardous Godowns of the
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
 and Godown Company, Limited,
 whence, and/or from the wharves,
 delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 18th
 Dec., at 5 p.m. will be subject to
 rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged
 packages are to be left in the
 Godowns where they will be ex-
 amined in the presence of con-
 signees by Messrs. Goddard &
 Douglas, on 23rd Dec., at 10 a.m.
 Claims against the steamer in-
 cluding those for cargo short
 delivered must be presented on
 the special form provided, and
 must also be submitted within 30
 days of arrival otherwise they
 will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be ef-
 fected by us in any case what-
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The M.V. "GLENNAVY" also
 brings forward cargo loaded per
 M. V. "GLENOGLE" at
 Middlesborough, Hamburg and
 Antwerp which was subsequently
 reloaded at Antwerp owing to a
 collision with s.s. "Edam." A
 General Average having been
 declared on the "GLENOGLE,"
 Consignees are required to sign
 an Average Agreement and pay
 a deposit of two per cent of the
 value of the goods before Bills of
 Lading will be countersigned.

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 tained from the undersigned.

JARDINE, MATHESON
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 Agents.
 Hongkong, 19th Dec., 1921.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE LIMITED.

From UNITED KINGDOM,
 GENOA, PORT SAID, CO-
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The Motor Vessel

"GLENGLYLE"

having arrived from the above
 ports, Consignees of cargo by her
 are hereby informed that all goods
 are being landed at their risk into
 the hazardous and/or extra haz-
 ardous Godowns of the Hongkong
 and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
 Company, Limited, whence,
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 a.m. Claims against the steamer
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 delivered must be presented on
 the special form provided and
 must also be submitted within 30
 days of arrival otherwise they
 will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be ef-
 fected by us in any case what-
 ever.

A General Average having been
 declared on this ship, Consignees
 are required to sign an Average
 Agreement and pay a deposit of
 one per cent. of the value of the
 goods before Bills of Lading will
 be countersigned.

Valuation forms can be ob-
 tained from the undersigned.
JARDINE, MATHESON
 & CO., LTD.
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 19th Dec., 1921.

CHINESE LAWYERS.

The Ministry of Justice an-
 nounces that, in view of the
 insufficiency of funds, the
 Bureau for the Discussion of
 the Laws is to be abolished.
 Lawyers' certificates will here-
 after cost \$180 instead of \$25 as
 before, registration of lawyers
 is to be \$1,000, while the stamp
 tax is 20 per cent of the total
 sum. This seems an unjustifiable
 hardship on a very deserving
 class.—*N. C. D. N.*



Our Portrait is of Mrs. M. MACE, of
 77, Bedford Lane, Stearns, England,
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 mony so that other sufferers like myself
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 medicine." In a further recent letter,
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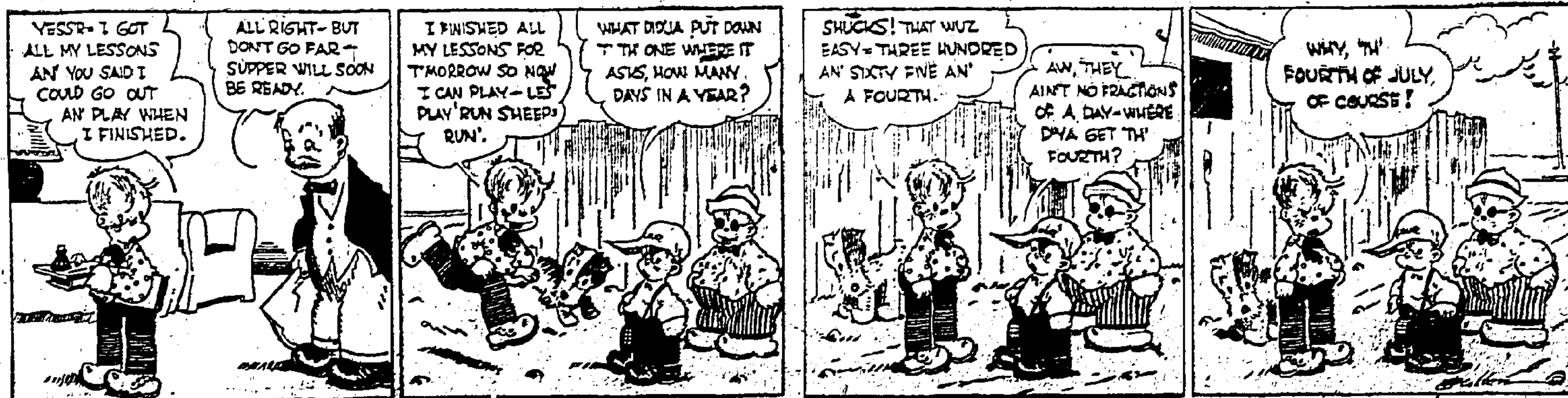
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Marriage.

ORMISTON-DOBSON.—At Hongkong, on 17th. December, James Ormiston, of Dunedin, New Zealand, to Emily Mason Dobson, of London.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1921.

TO EX-SERVICEMEN.

Our Note and Comment published on Friday, criticising the action of the "active" ex-servicemen in the Colony in seeking to establish a separate organisation from the British Legion, would seem to call for some further explanation in view of what was said at Sunday morning's meeting in the Coronet Theatre. One of the gentlemen present was so angered that he wanted to know if any *Telegraph* men were present in which case they should be asked to withdraw. As it so happened there were no *Telegraph* men present, not because of the "obvious reason" some other person spoke of, but because the week-end was such a heavy one in news-gathering work, that we were forced to leave this meeting to be reported by other local journalists. As all ex-active-service men were invited to be present by advertisement, three members of the present *Telegraph* staff could have turned up in that capacity. We point this fact out to avoid undesired sneers. The suggestion of a boycott was ridiculously foolish and revealed the speaker, whoever he was, to be childish in the extreme. We can take criticism as well as give it.

Now, we wish it to be understood quite clearly that we made our objection to the idea of forming a new association solely in order to point out that instead of making a split in the ranks of local ex-servicemen it would be much better to consolidate. In the minds of many others besides ourselves there has been far too much recrimination—or rather, too great a desire to make distinctions among the various grades of ex-servicemen here. It is in the avoidance of those distinctions rather than their emphasis that we, in a small Colony like Hongkong, can best hope to live amicably together. If the sole object of those who desire to segregate from the main body of ex-servicemen is to find a closer community of interests, to give a more personal touch to things, we cannot—neither could any man—censure their action, providing always that that action does not carry with it the implied or expressed disapprobation of other ex-servicemen who did something a little less than they. The seeking of a congenial social atmosphere, no matter how confined or circumscribed, is not in itself a wrong act. We all have the right to choose our associates according to our tastes. When the announcement was made last week that a separate association was to be formed it followed so closely on a newspaper correspondence in which there were a lot of needlessly hard things said, that one could be forgiven assuming that here was an attempt to break away from the British Legion on grounds of superior distinction. That assumption seems to have been a little hasty, when we are told that the new association is to be composed of men who merely desire to make their own opportunities for the special expression of their common experiences. If that is the animating spirit of the movement there can scarcely be room for criticism. We offer none on that point, though it is not impertinent to ask why these men could not have found room to express their sense of special and exclusive comradeship and still be members of the Legion? But that is a matter for them.

The aim of this journal all along has been to discourage the drawing of distinctions by local men one against another. At one time there was far too much of that. The very fact of having done the utmost one could, of having served in the trenches or on the high seas, should give a man much inward satisfaction, but it should not lead him to make odious comparisons. It is our duty to protect as well as to censure when occasion demands, and knowing, as we do, that many of the men who never left Hongkong tried their hardest to do so and willingly combined tiring military duties with extra heavy office work, we shall always try to silence those who would jibe and taunt. If we did our best we have a right to be proud of it; what our neighbour did is a matter either of his conscience or of opportunities denied. With this explanation of our attitude—rather badly misjudged by some, we fear—we are content to leave the matter.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Kwang Lee.

We had a note the other day remarking that there was sometimes a touch of comic opera about piracy in Chinese waters. There was a streak of the incongruous about the piracy of the China M. S. N. Co's vessel when the pirates shook hands with her master, Capt. Lindsay Crawford, and returned him some of his property after having threatened him with revolver, locked him up, and then compelled him to steer the steamer as they desired. But this jocular trait is eclipsed by the nefarious side of the operations. A Chinese youth was remorselessly shot, apparently for refusing to hand over a bag of gold, and treasure to a very large amount was taken from the strong room, the estimate varying from \$120,000 to \$200,000. According to one version, the pirates were after a much bigger haul, but somehow missed the larger shipment, so consoling themselves with the Kwang Lee. The scope of the plans indicates these rascals' audacity, bred of long immunity. We don't know the size of the other vessel, but the Kwang Lee is a good-sized steamer, being of 1500 tons register; yet conditions are such that in the year 1921 pirates can calmly hold up a vessel trading between such ports as Shanghai and Hongkong. Things being as they are, it is a wonder, to use Capt. Crawford's words, that such an act has not occurred earlier, for the ship carries neither armed guards nor guns. The robbery was effected by the now-familiar trick of the pirates shipping as passengers. What precautions, it may be asked, are taken at Shanghai in reference to searching native passengers? More than that is needed, an extensive patrol of Chinese gunboats being requisite; but it is futile to consider such matters in the present position of the Peking Administration. The happening is probably the most sensational of the kind since the case of the Tai On, in which, as residents will remember, all lives, including the pirates', were lost by fire.

Wilhelm Again.

The hypothesis generally accepted by the Allied nationals is that Germany deliberately built up an enormous Army and Navy in order to assert her will by force. It may be that when the times comes for the standard history of the Great War to be written, there will be some variation from the current version, even if, as we judge will be the case, that version is found to be substantially correct. We cannot speak with certainty; some matters remain to be sifted, perhaps some private records remain to be unearthed. What we may be fairly sure of is that any further evidence that comes to light will not prove the Allies to have deliberately brought the conflict about, as the ex-Kaiser repeats that they did. When the ex-Kaiser methodically prepared for war, he is in one sense, uttering a truism; that is to say, the Entente Powers prepared for the contingency of war, although imperfectly, as demonstrated by their comparative unpreparedness when war broke out. Remembering Germany's refusal even to consider an arbitration treaty on the lines of the one drafted between Britain and the United States, likewise her rejection of a naval-ratio agreement, it is simply a characteristic piece of lateness for Wilhelm to descend upon German guiltlessness and Entente duplicity.

China's Premier.

For the umpteenth (as "Tommy" was fond of saying) time, his Excellency Kin Yung-pen has intimated a wish to resign the Premiership of China, and it must be confessed that that post, even if generous spoils have attached to it, as many say, has not been a bed of roses. This time Kin Yung-pen appears to mean business; in other words, he appears really to intend retiring from the Premiership business. One account, in fact, states that he has actually done so, and the names of possible, even probable, successors are mentioned. Among them is Liang Shih-yi, the gentleman known as "the God of Wealth" on account of his reputed riches. Mr. Liang has not only acquired enormous wealth, but knows how to keep it, apparently. He was recently reported to have been invited to come to the assistance of the Chinese banks, He was also reported to have answered by stipulating that somebody else should first put down a couple of millions. Another

DAY BY DAY.

BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO, HAVING NOTHING TO SAY, ABSTAINS FROM GIVING WORDY EVIDENCE OF THE FACT.—George Eliot.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony over the week-end.

We are in receipt of an excellent wall calendar issued by the British-American Tobacco Company. It is embellished with a splendid, full length photograph of the Prince of Wales.

There were three fatal cases of plague last week—all Chinese. There were also three cases of enteric fever (one fatal), two non-fatal cases of small-pox and two non-fatal cases of diphtheria. Three Chinese died of influenza.

At the Peak Hotel yesterday Mrs. Blair gave the fourth Christmas party, an event with which the name of the hostess is now popularly connected in the thoughts of the young folk. There was a big attendance, including 150 children and 80 grown-ups. Each kiddie received a present from the tree, and there was dancing, singing and games, so that a happy time was spent.

It has previously been surmised that on his way to Japan after his Indo-China tour, Marshal Joffre may find it convenient to pay a visit to Hongkong. According to the latest advice received here, it appears that this will not be so, as the cruiser Montcalm is under orders to take the distinguished envoy direct to Japan, via an intermediate stop at Keelung. A French passenger, who travelled with Marshal Joffre out from Europe on the M.M. Porthos and who arrived here on Sunday, stated that in a conversation he heard the Marshal express a wish to visit Canton but in view of the unrecognized status of the Southern Government, it was unlikely that his desire could be gratified.

CHINESE NEWS.

Sun Yat-sen's Wife Missing.

We are informed by our Canton correspondent that it is rumoured that Lady Shung Hing-ling, wife of Sun Yat-sen, has been kidnapped by robbers on her way to Kweilin to join her husband. This still requires confirmation. U Han Min and Li Li-chuen have been ordered by Sun Yat-sen to meet Tong Chi-yao in Wing Ning.

Lady Wu Ting-fang was one of the passengers from Shanghai, by the Kwang Lee but lost nothing as the captain of the pirates on learning whom she was ordered that she should not be molested.

A Peking telegram states that in reply to the President's order to organise a new cabinet Lung Shi-ye has declared that an understanding must first be made with Tso Kwan; that the opinion of the Diplomatic Corps should be obtained; that the financial position must be thoroughly investigated and that all the present ministers should remain in office until all the above have been investigated.

Tso Kwan has come to the capital from Tientsin in compliance with the President's request. Yen Wai-ching, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been ordered to act as Premier in addition to his other duties.

A Shanghai message to hand says that Wu Pui-foo is at present trying to cultivate good relations with the Tsuchis along the Yangtze valley, so as to hurry up the Lushan conference.

ACTRESS'S FORTUNE.

Mr. Cosmo C. Gordon-Lennox, actor and playwright, son of Lord Alexander Gordon-Lennox, and husband of Miss Marie Tempest, left a fortune of £139,391.

candidate is Mr. Chu Chi-chien, who earlier in the year visited England, where he impressed Mr. Lloyd George, among others, with his commercial aptitude. He also visited Japan, where he was reported to have become over-familiarly with the authorities, which would suggest a renewed bout of Sino-Japanese finance. Mr. Chu, it should be added, denied the impeachment. But will any of the candidates (if the present Premier has really thrown up the sponge) make a whole-hearted attempt to tackle China's problem at the root?

LAND SALE.

Brisk Bidding for Kowloon Lots.

There was some brisk bidding at the land sale held in the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon when plots of land at Kowloon were put up for auction. Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1438, adjoining Lot No. 1400, Portland Street, with an area of 16,800 square feet, was put up at an upset price of \$13,440. It was pointed out by the principal bidder that the plot was on the hillside, but the auctioneer replied that the sale had been "gasped" and people had had a chance to look at it. For the first few bids the offers increased \$100 at a time, but the price soon began to make jumps of \$500. After a few \$500 advances, increases of \$1,000 were offered. At \$26,100 there was silence for a few moments, only two rivals left in. Then it increased to \$100 bids and was eventually knocked down on behalf of Mr. Lau Lim-yung for \$27,000.

Another plot for which there was keen competition was Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1439, also near Portland Street. The area of this lot was given as 33,275 square feet and the upset price was \$18,620. There was brisk bidding and the purchaser, Mr. Yip Fook, was called upon to pay \$41,000 for the plot.

Previous to the auctioning of the two Kowloon lots, Rural Building Lot No. 198, situated at Pokfulam, with an area of 44,800 square feet, was sold to Mr. Li Lum for the upset price of \$5,575 and Inland Lot No. 3362, adjoining Garden Lot No. 39, Bowen Road, area 26,970 square feet, was sold to Mr. Li Sai-ko for \$7,242, the upset price.

The chief interest in the sale was in the plots at Kowloon and after they had been knocked down those present began to leave. The only lot left was Rural Building Lot No. 198, a piece of land 7,000 square feet in area and described as being above Rural Building Lot No. 124. Nobody appeared to have any interest in this plot and it was sold for the upset price of \$340 or 12 cents a square foot. Mr. C. C. Stack was the purchaser.

"THE KID."

Packed Houses at the Coronet.

Charlie Chaplin's new production, "The Kid" has already established a reputation for itself in Hongkong. It was shown to crowded houses—not a seat vacant for the first time yesterday.

So much has been heard of this film's successes in other parts of the world that something above the ordinary run of pictures was expected. The production comes up to expectations in every way. There is no doubt that Charlie has a real "find" in his protegee Jackie Coogan and the little chap will some day probably be one of the greatest stars the movie world has ever seen. He is certainly unrivalled as a child actor.

Charlie Chaplin, too, excels himself in this production. His antics are funnier than ever. He is the same old favourite, with the little moustache, the big floppy feet and baggy trousers, carrying the little cany but he is better than in any of his previous films, and all the time he is before the camera it is just one long laugh.

"The Kid" is a little different to the usual run of Charlie Chaplin productions. Introduced into the comedy is a certain amount of pathos and there were moments when tears appeared in the eyes of more than one of the audience. This innovation lifts the picture out of the rut and adds in no little measure to its success. The blending of the more human element with the comedy is done so skilfully that just when one is finding the tragedy of the little orphan boy's life, touching humour is at once introduced and the audience are once again rocking with laughter at the funny antics of their old favourite Charlie and his great "Jackie" Coogan.

This production is certainly one of the best pictures that has been screened in the Colony for some time and it is a film that no kinemagoer should on any account miss. But it is drawing packed houses and those who want to make sure of witnessing the screening of this super-production are advised to book seats.

A THANKLESS JOB.

Supreme Court Bailiff's Troubles.

The unhappy experience which befell a Supreme Court bailiff when he set out to serve a property warrant on a debtor, was related at the Magistracy this morning in a case in which J. Castilho proceeded against Mr. M. K. Lo's chauffeur for assault.

The evidence of the complainant was to the effect that about 4 p.m. yesterday, in his capacity as bailiff of the Supreme Court, he went to look up a man named Han Kee to serve a warrant taken out at the instance of an Indian money-lender. Han Kee was arrested at the Wanchai Motor Garage. The debtor said that he had no money to pay the amount of \$114 owing. When they had proceeded about 50 yards from the Garage, witness continued, the defendant came in sight carrying an umbrella, and endeavoured to induce witness to release Han Kee. He held witness' arm, and the argument drew together a crowd which started to demonstrate its hostile intentions towards the Indian money-lender who had accompanied the witness. Apparently the release of Han Kee was sought for by the crowd and finding that he was having great difficulty in retaining his hold on Han Kee, witness dropped his stick in order to have both his hands on his prisoner. He was assaulted by the defendant, and his prisoner at length managed to free himself. The man ran into the Garage followed by the crowd. On being informed by the Manager of the Garage that there was a back door through which Han Kee and the crowd might have made their escape, witness went round but was too late to intercept Han Kee. The defendant, however, was seen endeavouring to sneak away.

and witness promptly followed and arrested him.

Examined by Mr. M. K. Lo, who represented his chauffeur, witness admitted that defendant offered no resistance when he found himself arrested.

Mr. Lo: As bailiff, when you get a judgment debtor in your custody and when you apprehend that a mob coming to attack you in order to rescue the debtor, is it your natural instinct to drop your defending stick in order to have both hands on the prisoner?

Witness said that it was untrue that he struck the crowd with the stick. Han Kee did not tell him that defendant was his guarantor for the debt. He spoke in the Shanghai dialect which witness did not understand.

Dewa Singh, the money-lender in the case, gave evidence which corroborated the statement made by the complainant.

Defendant called as his witness a chauffeur employed by Mr. W. L. Leask. This man said that with another friend he was endeavouring to explain to the Indian that defendant was the guarantor for the debt. The affair rose out of a misunderstanding of the position of the defendant in the matter of the debt.

Mr. Lindell decided to adjourn the case until to-morrow in order to be able to consult the Registrar of the Supreme Court with regard to the procedure adopted in the execution of judgment warrants, and to see whether the promissory note given by the debtor contained any confirmation of defendant's claim that he was acting as the guarantor.

PROTEST LIGHT COPPER COINS.

It is ascertained that owing to the protest of the British Minister, the Central Government has recently wired to General Chao Heng-ti of Hunan instructing him to stop the copper mint there, because the copper coins produced are too light.—*Hsipei Pao*.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Just yesterday I had occasion to hire one of the Hotel Cars for an hour. No! that I had jouncing in my head, mind ye; at that time o' day. No! I like to keep out o' their kind o' things on week-days for fear some o' the hold yins gets to seeing me and take it into their heads to send an auditor round to examine the books. No! that the cars at the Hotel cost any more either for that matter but when a Scotsman wants a car he wants it in a hurry (or otherwise what's the trams for) and ye can get motors alongside the kerb yonder by the time it takes ye to fill your pipe. And what's more forbye, when they do roll along they're like new pins and the driver doesn't look as if he'd just been awakened out of a second sleep and had forgot to put on the rest of his clothes. Besides there's a fine, fancy rug forment ye to hap your knees if you should feel that way inclined. Riding in one o' yon Hotel cars is the nearest thing to feeling like a taipan that I know of, at the money.

Well, as I was saying, I had just finished filling my pipe and was about to step into the car when Mac, he comes along and glowers at me like I had horns in my head. Never a question does he ask, mind ye, but after looking at the sky he thought it was shaping like more rain, and did I no think it would be as well if I'd got the side-lappets down? Mind ye, he didn't ask what was afoot. No, I thought I'd manage fine the way they were. Then he caught sight o' the pipe. No, no, that wouldn't do at all. A pipe in a fine motor like you? Fair ridiculous. Here's a cigar that would be more in keeping and wi' that he pressed a slightly bent Louvre on me which I took, after thanking him, and put carefully away in my baskie pocket. Mac, he hung on. Fine I knew what he was waiting for. He wanted to hear what I had to tell the driver. So I said Replise Bay, but to go Shaukiwan way for a near cut, and off I went. Mrs. MacPherson would get a queer story last night and I'll bet ye they both made up their minds that I couldn't afford it at the salary I was drawing.

On the road down to the French Hospital I got to thinking about Mac and the cigar and about it being the right kind o' trimming while riding in a motor car.

Now that sort o' thing's no so silly and pretentious as it appears at first sight. Carry the thing a

bit farther the other way and ye get the idea in better perspective. Ride along Des Vœux Road in a Rolls Royce wi' a clay pipe in your mouth and the chances are o' all in your favour of Garrod arresting ye before ye get the length of the Cricket Ground. Ay, there's quite a lot in externals when ye come to think of it, especially in the matter o' clothes. Some folks get and hold on to their jobs just because they're aye nicely dressed and look as if they had just stepped out of a band box.

I once knew a man who blew in at our works when I was a boy and bounced a job out the foreman just on the strength of a nice blue suit, a hard hat and a gold ring on the wee finger of his left hand. He was an Englishman, though that's no necessarily a drawback every time, but when ever he addressed the boss he did so as if he was a wee god. As a worker he was no great shakes, it being the firm conviction of most of us that he must have learnt his trade looking through a window. What he lacked in brains though, he made up for in polish and though he wore the same suit Sunday, Saturday and week-days it was aye spotless. When it came to ties he must have had a boxful for he never seemed to have the same one on twice and the leather of his shoes must have been fair perished wi' the amount of blacking he put on them. For a time we thought he was daft and later on came to the conclusion that he couldn't help it and was just a sissy; but one fine day we got the shock of our life for when our foreman got a stroke and missed his footing at the top o' Baxter's Stairs it was His Nabs that fell into the job as neat as ninespence. A man wi' his appearance and presence simply couldn't be passed over and he might have been in the place yet if he hadn't got mixed up wi' some lass in the front office and had it no come out that he'd run away from another wife and four of a family down Wolverhampton way. The last I heard of him was his getting an appointment as a district manager wi' the Prudential.

Ay, clothes go a long way to make the man, mind I'm telling ye.

Oh, I nearly forgot to tell ye, Mac called round at our place last night and found us in. There was nothing said ye'll understand, but some folk can be damned inquisitive without asking questions.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Another Local Steamer Pirated.

News of a piracy, aboard another local steamer reached the Colony this morning. Details at present are somewhat meagre, but it is known that the Hwah Sung, belonging to the Pak Hong Steamship Company of Connaught Road Central, which left here for Shan Mi on Sunday morning with 261 Chinese passengers on board was pirated yesterday after leaving Ma King and having discharged passengers—apparently most of the passengers—there.

The run from Ma King to Shan Mi is a short one of only a little over an hour and the affair must have been carried out with some expedition. The brief telegram announcing the piracy states that every one is safe, so that there has apparently been no bloodshed. The Hwah Sung is due back in Hongkong this evening and details should then be available. A suspicion is abroad that the gang which carried out this piracy may be the same that looted the Kwang Lee. If so, their haul on this occasion will probably prove much smaller than on the last.

New Vessel for Hongkong.

A fine passenger and cargo steamer, the Hwang, was launched on November 16 at the shipyard of the North of Ireland Shipbuilding Company. The vessel is being built for the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., and it will form an important addition to the fine fleet of the Company.

Early in the history of Hongkong Dr. Jardine, whose name was for many years associated with the Honourable East India Company, laid the foundation in China of his firm, which is known in the vernacular as the "Ewo Hong" or "Princely House." Traffic by sea formed an important and essential feature of the work of this company, and in course of time the flag of Jardine, Matheson and Co. flew at the masthead of some of the finest clippers frequenting Chinese waters. With the advent of steam their operations became so far extended that the maritime activities of the firm had to be organised to form a separate department. First known as the China Coast Co., the undertaking was ultimately established as the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. To-day no less than 24 fine steamers, all carrying passengers as well as cargo, maintain lines from the Chinese ports to India, the Philippines, and Japan, and fly the same flag as did their forbears, the old China clippers.

The "Hwang," which being interpreted signifies "Grand Increase," represents the matured and robust child of those fine old clippers which laid the foundation of British trade in the Far East.

The vessel has a total length of 430 feet, she has a deadweight carrying capacity of 9,000 tons, and will maintain speed on service of 12 knots. Luxurious and airy accommodation for 40 first-class passengers is situated in houses on the shelter and boat decks. Attractive quarters are provided for the second-class passengers at the after end of the shelter deck, and the remainder of the upper and lower tween decks are adapted either for native passengers or for light and valuable cargoes.

The propelling machinery, by Messrs John G. Kincaid and Co., Ltd., of Greenock, is adapted for burning oil fuel as well as coal, and it is important to note that both hull and machinery are to conform with the requirements of the Passenger Convention regulations.

A New "535."

The Pine Tree State the fourth U.S. Shipping Board "535" allocated to the Admiral Line for operation between Puget Sound and the Far East sailed from Seattle on December 10 with over 9,500 dead weight tons of cargo and 427 passengers. This steamer is due at Hongkong on December 31 and will discharge 1,750 tons of cargo here. The Pine Tree State is in command of Captain Martin Tarpey, the hero of the Valencia wreck off the coast of Vancouver Island, which disaster cost the lives of over 150 people. Captain Tarpey at this time was a quartermaster, and by his personal efforts saved 18 persons, by means of a life raft.

Derelict Report.

The master of the Howbaw reports that at 9.30 a.m. yesterday he passed wreckage. The approximate position was lat. 32

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

The Ex-Servicemen Question.

Sir,—I read in this morning's paper with much interest the account of the meeting of the "Active" Ex-Servicemen in the Coronet Theatre on Sunday. It was indeed, interesting. I am not a resident of Hongkong but in passing through I learn there is a distinct differentiation being made between the men who actually served in the trenches and those who merely did war service. I have the misfortune to belong to the latter, my parents not having considered me in the matter some 46 years ago. I deeply deplore the fact that I did not have the honour of being present at what must, I feel sure, have been an historic meeting. I have hitherto felt a certain amount of pride and pleasure at the fact that I served three years in France, but I realise now for the first time that the less said about it the better. I suggest, Sir, that to be perfectly logical, we must carry out these "Active" Servicemen's idea to its proper conclusion. As far as I can see there is only one way. I have met men in France who have accounted for 10, some 20 and some even 30 Boches. Now, I am quite sure that a man who only accounted for one Boche could not be accepted in the same class as the man who accounted for 30. I therefore suggest, to be perfectly fair and logical, that we cannot possibly do without 20 or 30 classes of active ex-servicemen, as I am sure you must agree that the services rendered to his country by the man who accounted for only one Boche are not comparable to the services of the man who accounted for 30. Then, too, what of the man in the Air Services who has possibly accounted for as many cities as others have men? Is he to be placed in the same category as the others? Surely, not. Then there are—but, why proceed? I am confident you now see my point. In other words, the whole thing is sheer, senseless snobbery from beginning to end.

I regret to notice from the report that no official of your paper appears to have been present at the meeting as I am confident he would have had a most interesting time. And so would I if I had been there. Let me tell the folk of Hongkong that I have personally met men who suffered severely as conscientious objectors for the sake of their convictions for whom I have a greater respect than for some of the men conscripts who were compelled against their wishes and wills to go to the trenches and who not pose as heroes. If these men wish to express their community of interests could they not have done so as members of the Legion? The reference made to the exclusiveness of Trade Unions is entirely beside the point. There is no analogy. Trade Unions are forced to be exclusive for the protection of workers' rights. Do "active" servicemen in Hongkong think they need protection against their other comrades of the Great War? I leave them and you, Sir, with the thought.

Yours, etc.,

R.A.M.C.

Hongkong, December 19th., 1921.

OBITUARY.

Well-known Japanese Resident Passes Away.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. M. Sawada, the Assistant Manager of the Hongkong Branch of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. The deceased, who had been in Hongkong many years, proceeded to Canton about four days ago on his firm's business, but was taken suddenly ill soon after arrival. He passed away on Saturday night from peritonitis.

The deceased's demise will be most deeply felt amongst a very wide circle of friends, both Japanese and Chinese, with whom he was extremely popular.

The funeral ceremony takes place at the Japanese cemetery at five o'clock to-morrow.

deg. 59 min. N., long. 122 deg. 54 min. E.

In Wireless Communication.

The following vessels were in wireless communication with the port at 2.30 p.m. to-day:—

Siangbee, Arafura, Samarang Maru, Steel Inventor, Paul Lect, Sumatra, John Sanderson, Hwahping, Silver State, Egremont Castle, Yokohama Maru.

INDIANS CHARGED.

Possession of Arms Case.

The two Indian watchman, arrested by Sergeant Kelly during a search for arms at Mody's Godown at Praya East, were charged on remand this morning with being in possession of a German automatic pistol, forty-nine rounds of ammunition and 23 tael of raw opium.

Mr. Burlingham, A.S.P., prosecuted, while Mr. A. H. Crewe represented the first defendant in whose bed the contraband was found concealed.

On the first defendant's assumption of the responsibility, the second defendant was discharged. Evidence was then given by Sergeant Kelly as to the search which was carried out on the afternoon of the 15th. instant. The first defendant was working as a tallyman in the yard but the second defendant was sleeping and on being questioned referred to the Sergeant by a gesture to his friend. This man informed the Sergeant that he had not the key of the room to which the officer desired access, and the lock had to be forced. The search in this room was not successful but when continued into the cubicle where the first defendant slept, the contraband was discovered.

Mr. Crewe submitted that his client knew nothing of the arms. They were given him by another Indian, who, he understood, was now in the custody of the police. This man's evidence would clear up the case so far as his client was concerned.

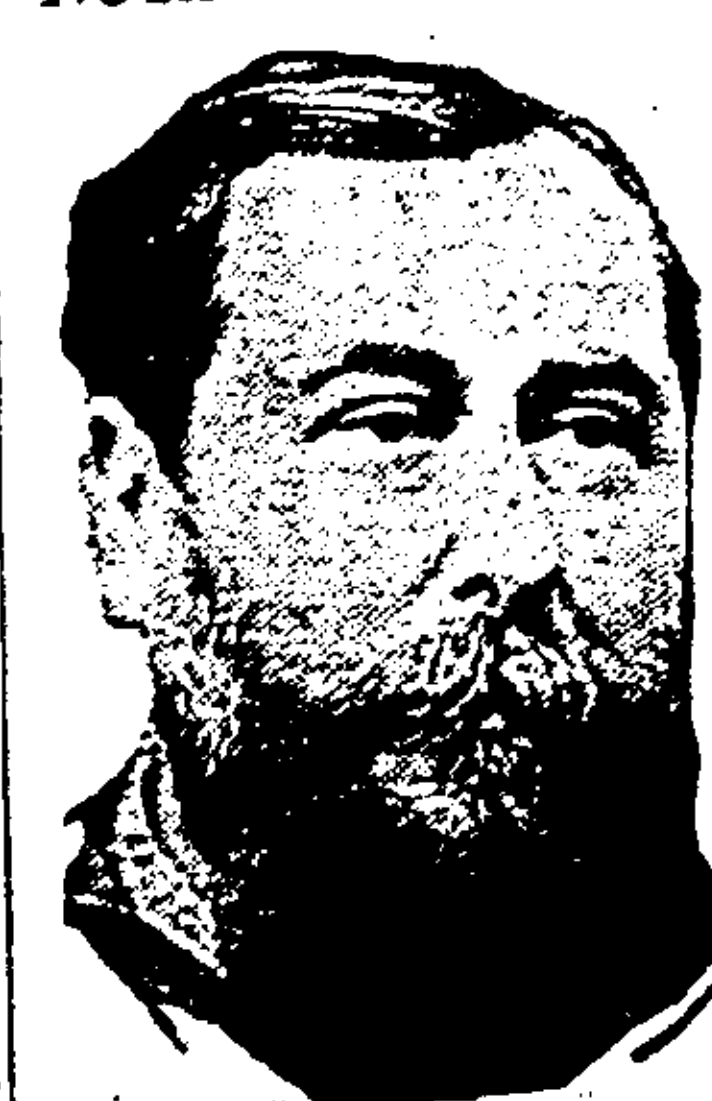
Yah Mahomad, the Indian mentioned by Mr. Crewe, was put into the witness box and he claimed that the contraband was given to him by yet another Indian. This man had since gone to Bombay.

Under the circumstances the Magistrate found his way clear to discharge Mr. Crewe's client, while awaiting whatever further measures the police may think of adopting in connection with the admission of Yah Mahomad.

SATURDAY CLOSING OF HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

Though strangers are admitted to the House of Commons while the House is sitting, the Houses of Parliament, it is announced by the Lord Great Chamberlain's Department, are not yet open to the public on Saturdays.

NOTABLE COMPOSER.



DELIBES.

French Composer of Middle Nineteenth Century.

Leo Delibes (1835-1891) was a modern French composer of comic opera and ballet. Although he wrote many operas, his chief cause for fame as an operatic composer rests on "Lakme," the only one of his operas which was really successful.

As a composer of ballet music, Delibes won great popularity. The French Ballet consists of a series of dances in costume, which tell in pantomime some simple story. They occur between the acts of the opera. Delibes' best ballets are: "Nails," "Coppelia," and "Sylvia." His music is particularly French in its refinement and sprightliness. It is always melodious and graceful.

PIZZICATI, "SYLVIA" BALLETT.

This movement is the best known number from Delibes' Ballet "Sylvia." It is called "Pizzicati" because the string section of the orchestra plays the theme by plucking the strings with the fingers, instead of using the bow. The composition is in the three-part song form; the trio being played by the violins, with regulation bowing, after which the "Pizzicati" is repeated. An example of form.

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| 8. Waltz. | "Gee-Boo" |
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A LOST CHILD.

Alleged Kidnapping.

Playing outside their house, 103, Second Street, on Nov. 23rd., were three Chinese children—one a boy of 14, another a child of about six and a third a tiny tot of only three. A man, named Tsang Kai, who was residing with the family attempted to take the youngest of the trio away, but as the eldest objected, he did not do so. Shortly afterwards Tsang again tried to take away the smallest child and again the eldest brother intervened. The man tried a third time to go away with the child and for the third time the eldest boy objected. "But what are you afraid of?" said Tsang. "I am taking him away to give him tea and not to sell him." This remark apparently satisfied the big brother and he allowed Tsang to take the little one away.

At the end of half an hour the pair had not returned and the eldest boy went inside and told his mother. The mother and son then went out and made a systematic search of all the houses in the neighbourhood and made exhaustive enquiries with the object of ascertaining the whereabouts of the missing child. This effort met with no success, but in the evening (the child was taken away in the morning about eleven o'clock) they obtained some useful information. As a result of what they had been told they and some of their clansmen went to the Western Market and there waited. They had not been there long before they saw the man of whom they were in search. They tackled him on the subject of their missing child; a dispute arose, and then the police arrived on the scene and took Tsang to

the Police Station. The child was not found.

Tsang Kai appeared in the dock at the Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, charged with taking the child away, and the above story was told by the prosecution, which was conducted by Mr. A. Dyer Ball.

When asked if he had any objection to the members of the Jury, prisoner said he could not see their faces. I have no objection to the Jury if they are doing justice to me," he added.

Mr. Dyer Ball said prisoner had raised a point which he wished to raise himself. His difficulty had always been that he could not see the jurors' faces and he suggested that the window behind the Jury box be obscured by a curtain.

His Lordship agreed to this suggestion and intimated that the matter would be put right.

Prisoner accused the child's father of selling opium, running a fan-tan establishment and being a member of a Triad society, and after the father had strongly denied all these charges, prisoner accused him of keeping a "sly" brothel, which accusation also was denied.

The defence was that the charge was false, prisoner maintaining that he never took the child away at all.

Prisoner was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

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Carpine Salvatore Paolo, the sculptor, at work on the bust of Cardinal Mercier which will be presented to New York University.



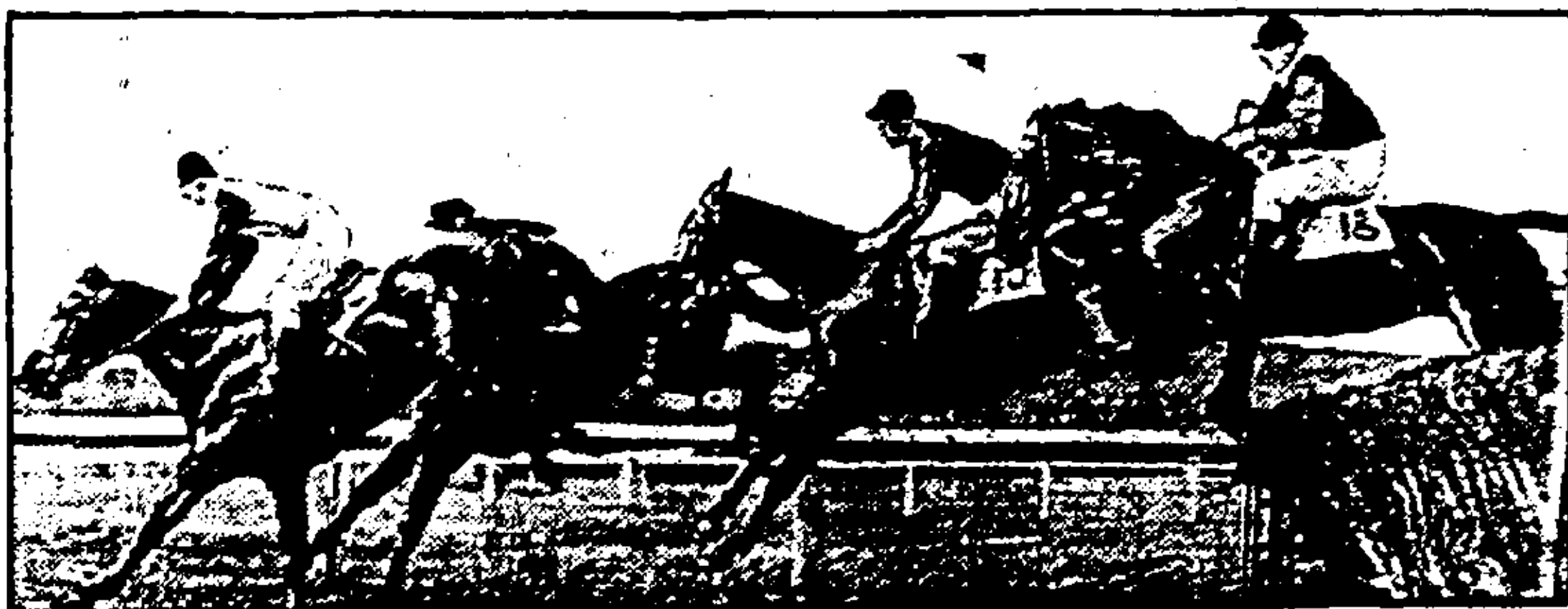
Lord Reading, Viceroy of India.



The Pogo as a flesh reducer.



Picture taken in Alkmaar, Holland, the world's largest cheese market.



When the photographer took this remarkable action picture of the opening steeplechase at Sandown Park, he wasn't using a slow motion camera, though the results look like it, the movements of each horse in the race appearing like the continuation of the jump.

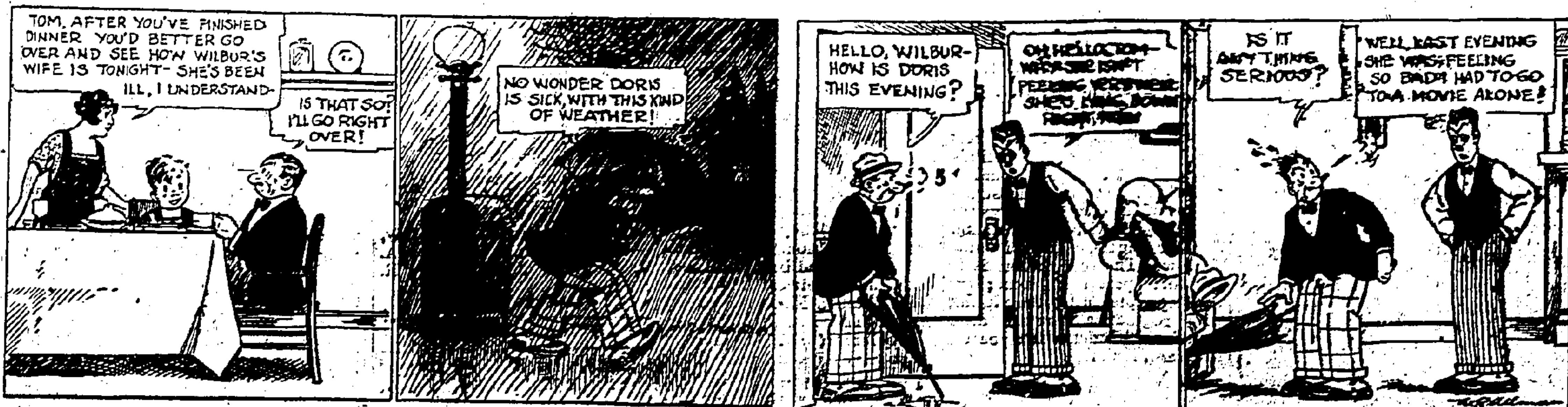


This is a sport in which the Scandinavians usually have had a monopoly. But here is an English girl, practising at Paddington recreation grounds.

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H. £35 paid	n. 715	sa. 720	
K. of E. Asia b. Old 105 New 102	n. 105		
Marine Insurances.			
Cantons	n. 440	s. 440	
North Chinas	n. 144	n. 144	
Unions	sa. 242	n. 242	
Yangtzes	n. 25	s. 25	
Far Easterns	n. 23	n. 23	
Fire Insurances.			
China Fires	b. 125	b. 125	
H.K. Fires	b. 367	b. 367	
Shipping.			
Douglases	n. 44	s. 44	
H.K. Steamboats	b. 264	n. 264	
Indos (Pref.)	b. 36	s. 36	
Indo Def. Lon/Reg.	n. 263	s. 260	
Indo Def. H.K. Reg.	n. 260	s. 250	
Shells	s. 93/6	b. 93/6	
Ferries	b. 33	s. 34	
Refineries.			
Sigars	n. 188	s. 177	
Malabons	n. 49	n. 45	
Mining.			
Kailans	n. 92/6	b. 92/6	
Lungkai	n. 9	n. 9	
Shanghai Leas	b. \$1	b. 120	
Shai Explorations	b. 22/6		
Rauhs	b. 10/6		
Trochons	b. 10/6		
Unal Caspians	p. 1/95		
Bonquet Con	p. 1/95		
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. Wharves	b. 90/4	b. 90	
K. Docks	sa. 175	sa. 175	
Shai Docks	n. 112	s. 113	
N. Engineerings	sa. \$3/60	n. 9	
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.			
Centrals	b. 150	b. 150	
H.K. Hotels	b. 23	b. 224	
H.K. Lands	b. 204/4	b. sa. 204	
Hypreys Est.	s. 11	s. 11	
Kloon Lands	b. 46	b. 46	
L. Reclamation	b. 172/6	b. 185	
West Points	sa. 55	b. 54 sa. 55	
Cotton Mills.			
Ewos	n. \$19	n. 194	
Oriental	b. \$14	b. 14 s. 15	
Shai Cottons	n. \$133/4	n. 133	
Miscellaneous.			
Cemets	sa. 25 1/2	b. 25 10	
China Light old	n. ex div. 13	b. sa. 12	
China Light new	b. 13.35 sa. 13 1/2	b. 13.10 sa. 13 1/4	
China Providents	n. 24	b. 22 3/4 sa. 23	
Dairy Farms	n. 24	b. 24	
Electric H.K.	n. 24 1/2	b. 24	
Electric Macao	n. 30	n. 30	
Hongkong Ropes	b. 31	b. 30 3/4	
H.K. Tramways	s. 14	s. 13.60	
Peak Trams, old	b. 9 1/2	b. 9 1/2	
Do, new	b. 1.10	b. 1.10	
Steam Landries	n. 11 1/4	b. 11 1/4	
Water-front	b. 17 1/4	n. 17	
Watsons	b. 9 1/4	b. 9.15	
Wm. Powells	b. 20	n. 19	
Wisemans	b. 28	n. 28	

Hongkong, December 20, 1921.

PORT INTELLIGENCE.

The following shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon to-day.

Vessels Arrived.			
Vessel	Agents	From	Mooring
Loong Sang	J. M. & Co.	Manila	C 32
Kanchow	B. & S.	Swatow	Do 22
Shanghai	"	Canton	B 21
Hangchow	"	Hoibow	Wharf
City of Boston	Bank Line	Hamburg & S. pore	"
Glenavy	J. M. & Co.	London & S. pore	"
Nellors	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama & Shanghai	A 3
Yee Yung Wa	Cheong Yee S. S. Co.	Haiphong & Hoibow	C 14
Tykenhang	J. C. J. L.	Sourabaya & Munak	A 4
Tykenhang	"	Batavia & Balaokpappan	A 30
Nippon	Yokohama & Co.	Shanghai	A 8
Taito M.	N. Y. K.	Shanghai & Amoy	C 20
Awa M.	"	Yokohama & Moji	Wharf
Horai M.	"	Haiphong & Pakhoi	C 19
Manji M.	"	Haiphong	C 33
Hanchang	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	Wharf
Sue Yit	Fook Hoi S. S. Co.	Shanghai	"
Clearances.			
Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure.
Soochow	B. & S.	Canton	19th Dec.
Shokko M.	B. & S. & Co.	Kobe	"
Hwah Ping	C. W. Nav. Co.	Moji, Valparaiso	"
Hopang	J. M. & Co.	Canton	"
Hydrange	China O. S. S. Co.	Swatow	"
Haikong	D. L. & Co.	"	"
Lake Owa	Admiral Line	Saigon	20th Dec.
Kanchow	B. & S.	Shanghai, Yokohama	"
Tykenhang	J. C. J. L.	Shanghai, Kobe	"
Nippon	A. Rocha	Nagasaki	"
Amherst	On Fat	Hoibow	"
Haitas	Man Wing	Hoibow, Haiphong	"
Kasemb	Bank Line	Singapore, London	"
Nippon	Fedwell & Co.	Singapore, Trieste	"
Cheribon M.	Nanyo Y. K.	Batavia	"
Hoibow	B. & S.	Canton	"
Taito M.	N. Y. K.	Shanghai, Yokohama	"
Kasemb	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai, Kobe	"
Dorant	Thi Thuan	Saigon	"
Glenavy	J. M. & Co.	Canton	"
Hanchang	C. M. S. N. Co.	"	"
Awa M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore, Bombay	"
Hapoh	B. & S.	Singapore, Hongkong	"
Alabama M.	O. S. K.	Darwin, Vancouver	21st Dec.
Hok Canton	Wo Hing	Kwang Chow Wan	"
Glenavy	J. M. & Co.	Shanghai, Kobe	"
Impending Departures.			
Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Haikong	D. L. & Co.	Fookchow	20th Dec.
Lake Owa	Ad Line	Saigon	20th
Ki of the Water	Bank Line	New York	20th
Arakura	P. & O.	Yokohama	20th
Taiyo M.	N. Y. K.	Sydney	20th
Ellerophon	B. & S.	Haiphong	20th
Tykenhang	B. & S.	Australia	20th
Kasemb	P. & O.	Japan	20th
Awa M.	N. Y. K.	Colombo	20th
Soochow	B. & S.	Shanghai	20th
Cheribon M.	Nanyo Y. K.	Batavia	20th
Kanchow	B. & S.	Swatow	20th
Tykenhang	J. C. J. L.	Singapore	20th
Agamemnon	B. & S.	Liverpool	21st
Nellors	P. & O.	Antwerp	21st
Katuna	Bank Line	New York	21st
Mausang	J. M. & Co.	Nandana	21st
Tykenhang	J. C. J. L.	Shanghai	21st
Hanchang	P. & O.	Hongkong	21st
Sapara	J. C. J. L.	Saigon	22nd
Tykenhang	J. C. J. L.	Manila	22nd
Wingang	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	22nd
Hopang	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	22nd
Yokohama M.	N. Y. K.	Port Said	23rd
Sado M.	N. Y. K.	Japan	23rd
China	P. & O.	Shanghai	23rd
Loong Sang	J. M. & Co.	Manila	23rd
Van Clon	J. C. J. L.	Singapore	23rd
Impending Arrivals.			
Vessel	Agents	From	Due Hongkong
City of Boston	Bank Line	Singapore	20th Dec.
Nellors	P. & O.	Shanghai	20th
Arakura	M. M. Co.	Manila	21st
Agamemnon	B. & S.	Shanghai	21st
Yokohama M.	N. Y. K.	Kobe	22nd
Ellerophon	P. & O.	Shanghai	22nd
Tykenhang	P. & O.	Shanghai	22nd
Bongow	G. L. & Co.	Singapore	23rd
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Ellerophon	B. & S.	Haiphong	20th
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Kanchow	B. & S.	Swatow	20th
Tykenhang	J. C. J. L.	Singapore	20th
Agamemnon	B. & S.	Liverpool	21st
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Sapara	J. C. J. L.	Saigon	22nd
Tykenhang	J. C. J. L.	Manila	22nd
Wingang	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	22nd
Hopang	J. M. & Co.	Swatow	22nd
Yokohama M.	N. Y. K.	Port Said	23rd
Sado M.	N. Y. K.	Japan	23rd
China	P. & O.	Shanghai	23rd
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Arakura	M. M. Co.	Manila	21st
Agamemnon	B. & S.	Shanghai	21st
Yokohama M.	N. Y. K.	Kobe	22nd
Ellerophon	P. & O.	Shanghai	22nd
Tykenhang	P. & O.	Shanghai	22nd
Bongow	G. L. & Co.	Singapore	23rd
G. Amoy	M. M. & Co.	Calcutta	23rd
Sado M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore	23rd

Consignees Diary.

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Vessel	Agents	Goods Stored	Free Storage Expires	Claims in by	Examination Date
Van Clon	J. C. J. L.	Kowloon	Dec. 22	Dec. 25	Dec. 21
Silver State	A. L. Line	Hong Kong	Dec. 23	Jan. 1	Dec. 23
Ellerophon	B. & S.	Helix	Dec. 24	Jan. 7	Tues. & Friday
Alabam	G. S. E.	Kowloon	Dec. 24	Dec. 28	Wed. & Sat.
Glenavy	J. M. & Co.	Kowloon	Dec. 28	Jan. 18	Dec. 28
Glenavy	J. M. & Co.	Kowloon	Dec. 28	Jan. 18	Dec. 28
Indon	M. & B. Ltd.	Hong Kong	Dec. 27	Dec. 31	Dec. 27

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Australia and Manila	Arakura	21st Dec.
Shanghai	Yingchow	21st
Shanghai	Shanghai	22nd
Straits	Sado M.	22nd
Japan and Shanghai	Yokohama M.	22nd
Straits	Nagasaki	22nd

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Dairen, Japan & Victoria	Alabama M.	Wed. 21 Dec. 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhankhodhi, Aden, Egypt, Europe via Mauritius	Nellors	Wed. 21 Dec. 9 a.m. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
The Parcel Mail will be closed on Tuesday, 20th December at 5 p.m.		
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhankhodhi, Egypt & Europe via Mauritius	Bellerophon	Wed. 21 Dec. 9 a.m. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Wed. 21 Dec. 11 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai & N. China	Tykenhang	Wed. 21 Dec. 5 p.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Wingang	Wed. 21 Dec. 5 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & N. China	Wingang	Wed. 21 Dec. 5 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrange	Thurs. 22 Dec. 2.30 p.m.
Philippine Is. & San Francisco	Tykenhang	Thurs. 22 Dec. 5 p.m.
Swatow, Straits & Bangkok	Kwanong	Fri. 23 Dec. 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhankhodhi, Egypt & Europe via Mauritius	Yokohama M.	Fri. 23 Dec. 9 a.m. Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China & Japan	Sado M.	Fri. 23 Dec. 10 a.m.
Philippine Is. & N. China	Loong Sang	Fri. 23 Dec. 2 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China	Yingchow	Fri. 23 Dec. 5 p.m.

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S.S. Wenatchee	For Manila	Jan. 16.	
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NEW JAPANESE WIRELESS PLANTS.

According to information from the Foreign Office, plans are under way for the erection of a wireless station at Tsingtao with six subsidiary stations at Tsinan, Hsiamotun, Hsienhai, Huangchichen, Chinglingchen, and Chayu of Shantung. It is stated that the Japanese will inform the Chinese Government in this connection very soon.—Yishih Poo.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

AIR SERVICE FOR HAWAII.

That an inter-island airplane mail and passenger service may become a reality is indicated in a letter received recently by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce from Mr. C. A. Webb of San Francisco, who asked for particulars regarding the possibility of establishing an aerial line between the islands. The line would handle mail and papers, with a few passengers. According to Mr. Webb, he would use 6-passenger flying-boats.

P. I. CHAMBER FAVOURS FILIPINO ATTACHES.

The board of directors of the Philippine chamber of commerce has approved a resolution favouring the appointment of Filipinos as commercial attaches of the Philippine islands in the embassies and legations of the United States in foreign countries. It is said that this attitude of the chamber is in accordance with the suggestions put forth by Governor General Wood to send Filipinos to embassies and legations to act in the capacity of commercial representatives. Members of the Philippine chamber of commerce believe that the presence of Filipinos as commercial attaches to look after the interest of the Philippine Islands abroad is of vital importance, as it would promote a better commercial understanding between the islands and other countries. They also say that it would aid in disseminating more information about the islands and in rectifying misimpression.

SAMPLE ROOMS TO HELP BRITISH TRADE.

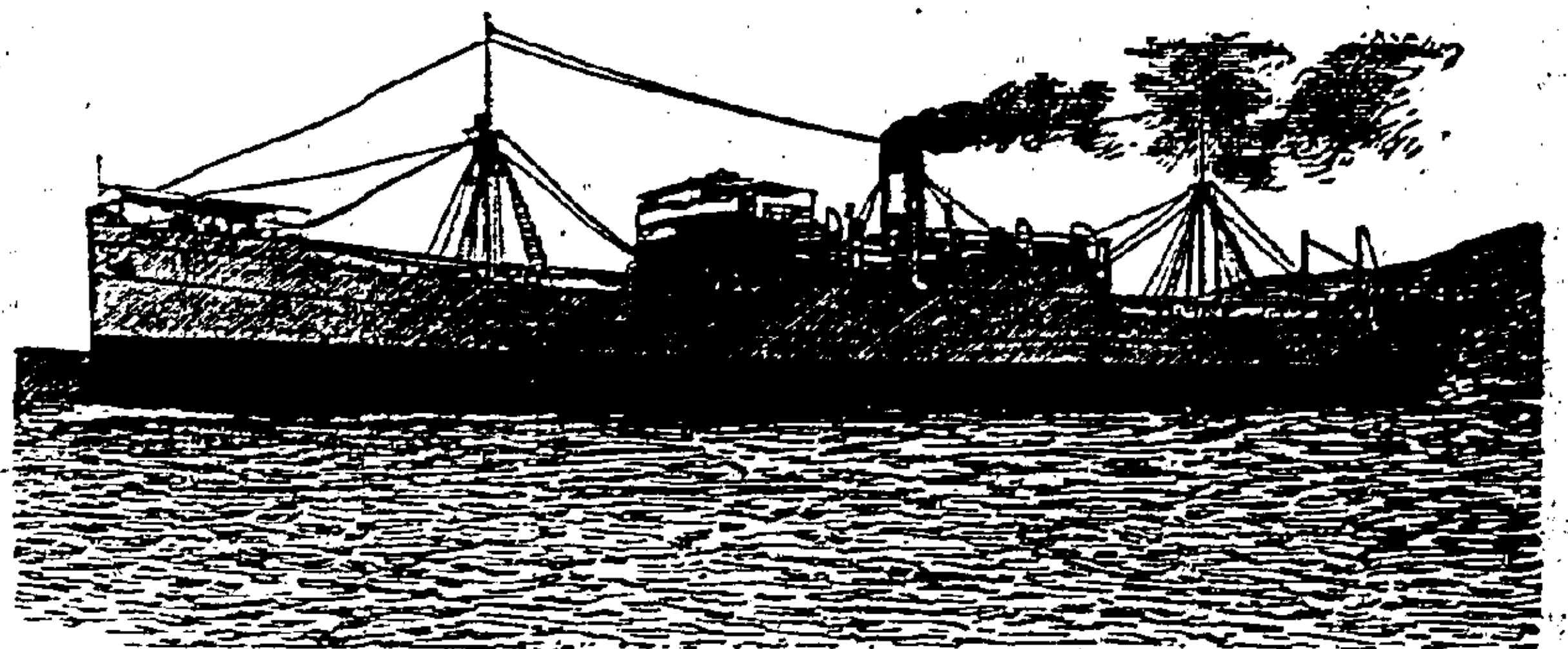
Amongst the endeavours now being put forth in Great Britain to revive overseas trade, one of the latest, as well as one of the most promising, is the project of creating a series of permanent sample rooms or small exhibitions, containing British goods, in the principal foreign capitals. The first of the sample rooms will be opened in Brussels next January. A building in this city has been secured, and preparations are already well under way. In addition to this, a plan has been taken on a building in Copenhagen, where the second venture will be made. Afterwards such cities as Paris, Madrid, Toronto, Buenos Aires, and centres in the Far East will be tackled. Each of these sample rooms is to be under the control of a manager appointed from England, and exhibitors who from any cause are unable to send a representative to look after their stand will be able to avail themselves of his services. The stands themselves will be purchasable from the low price of £20 upwards. No part of the expense is being borne by the Government, although it can be said that the Board of Trade views the enterprise with favour. It is understood that the scheme has been promoted in a patriotic rather than a profit-making spirit. We deem the project to be excellent. Nevertheless, it would appear materially to discount another scheme now being promoted to dispatch a vessel acting as a floating exhibition to various foreign ports.—L. and C. Express.

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S.S.	Tonnage	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
NELLORE	7,000	21 Dec. 11 a.m.	M'tee, London & Antwerp
DUNERA	5,500	27th Dec.	S'pore, Colombo & Bombay
DONGOLA	8,000	4th Jan.	M'tee, London & Antwerp
DILWARA	5,200	12th Jan.	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TAKADA	7,000	1st. m.	Calcutta via Straits.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

AFURA	6,000	9th Jan.	Melbourne, Manilla, Thursday, 9th Jan. at 3 p.m.
AFURA	6,000	21st Dec.	Yokohama direct
ASHMIR	8,800	20 Dec. 3 p.m.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

AFURA	6,000	21st Dec.	Yokohama direct
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FUSEMI MARU	Wednesday, 8th Feb.	at 11 a.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	
YOKOHAMA MARU	Friday, 23rd Dec.	at 11 a.m.
YOSHINO MARU	Friday, 6th Jan.	at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU	Friday, 20th Jan.	at 11 a.m.

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LIMA MARU ... Thursday, 19th January.

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AWA MARU ... Tuesday, 20th December.

TANBA MARU ... Monday, 2nd January.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

YOSHIO MARU ... Thursday, 29th December.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Jan., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
SADO MARU ... Friday, 23rd Dec., at 11 a.m.

TSURUGA MARU (Calling Kure) Saturday, 31st Dec.

KITANO MARU ... Sunday, 5th Jan. at 11 a.m.

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Hilwong	Java	in port	20th Dec.	Japan via S'hai
Tjerkembang	Java	in port	21st Dec.	Amoy/S'hai
Saparaea	Java	in port	22nd Dec.	Saigon/Java
Tjilatjap	Java	30th Dec.	7th Jan.	Batavia
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BANGKOK via Swatow	Hopsang	Thur. 22nd Dec. at d'light.
SHAI & T'au via S'ow	Wingsang	Thur. 22nd Dec. at d'light.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 23rd Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHAI, Yokohama & Kobe	Fooksang	Sat. 24th Dec. at noon.
HAIPHONG via Hoibow	Loksang	Sun. 25th Dec. at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Laisang	Wed. 23th Dec. at 3 p.m.

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SHANGHAI	Yingchow	24th Dec. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Sochow	24th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Kwangtung	25th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Linan	25th Dec. at noon.
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	Kailong	26th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Sulyang	17th Dec. at noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	3rd Jan. at noon.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

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THE LEVIATHAN.
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TRANSATLANTIC S.S. CO.
The Transatlantic Steamship Co. of Gothenburg are extending their South American service to China and Japan. Their vessels, which load at northern Continental ports for the Mexican Gulf and South American ports, are now, instead of returning, loading at the latter ports for China and Japan and will then proceed to the Dutch East Indies to load cargo for Europe.

SHIPPING BOARD AND PANAMA RAILROAD.
There is a bill before Congress which proposes to remove the Panama Railroad from commercial steamship operation, and turn the transport work of the Army and Navy over to the Shipping Board and private shipping lines. Mr. T. H. Rosbottom, general manager of the Panama Railroad S.S. Line, and now acting in a like capacity for the United States Lines, which took over the U.S. Mail Line ships, told the Congressional Committee which has been giving a public hearing on the matter, that this railroad has saved U. S. commerce in the Caribbean Sea. General Downey, chief of the Army Transport Service, took an opposing stand, and produced statistics to show that while transport service on the Pacific for six months of 1921 had cost \$1,789,528, by private lines the expense would have been \$3,364,912. It is doubtful if the bill will pass.

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The Gunga launched by William Simons & Co., Ltd., to the order of the commissioners for the port of Calcutta, is the largest dredger yet built on the Clyde, and is the third dredger built by Messrs. Simons for the improvement and maintenance of the River Hooghly. The dredger is 370-ft. in length by 57-ft. 6-in. by 24-ft. 6-in., and has a hopper capacity of 80,000 cubic feet, and has been specially designed for the unique character of the dredging to be done on the Hooghly. The suction pipe is arranged to dredge to a depth of 45-ft., and is designed with a trunnion at each end of the well so that dredging can be done when the vessel is propelling either ahead or astern. Or alternatively, dredging can be done while the vessel is moored to anchors either ahead or astern. Owing to the light specific gravity of the drift sand and silt deposited in the River Hooghly during the flood season, special attention had to be given towards providing appliances which would eliminate as far as possible the loss of material in the overflow from the hopper. The dredger is accordingly fitted, with the "Simons" patent sand baffling arrangement. This arrangement has been proved most effective in its action in reducing the loss in overflow to the minimum. The hull and machinery are constructed to Lloyd's highest class. The main deck is of steel, sheathed with oak. Steam and hand steering gear is fitted, a very complete installation of electric lighting is provided, including arc search-light.

NOTICES.

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VISCOUNT KATO ON JAPAN'S POLICY.

Need of a New Cast in Politics.

Tokyo, Dec. 28. Viscount Kato, President of the Kenseikai, speaking at a grand meeting of the Party held yesterday at Fushimi, made a statement which has attracted much attention as the first official expression of opinion of the leader of the Opposition since the death of the late Premier, Mr. Hara. The gist of the statement is as follows:

"Needless to say, the relations existing between the Crown Prince Regent, who is endowed with high intelligence, and the people are so cordial that we Japanese subjects are ready to go through thick and thin for the Crown Prince Regent as we think of the gracious words spoken to the people immediately he assumed the regency. In the meantime, we cannot but feel deeply regarding the violent death of the late Mr. Hara, with whom I was acquainted for years, though we differed in opinion."

SEIYUKAI'S WANTING POPULARITY.

"In my opinion, Mr. Hara should have resigned his office at an opportune time in his life. Although we have lost the leader of our political enemy, there is no need for us, I am convinced, to alter our tactics. The fact that the Seiyukai now in power, are on the wane is attributed to the maladministration of the Ministry of the Seiyukai. That the results of the recent by-election and of the Tokyo Municipal Assembly are not in favour of the Seiyukai Party is a proof that popular feelings have already gone against them."

"The Premier, Viscount Takahashi, on assuming his new post, declared that he would follow in every respect the policy of the Hara Cabinet, but I, for one, should think that there are not a few who hope to see the policy of the Government altered on some points."

"Take, as an example, the prices of commodities. As a result of the Government taking its own way without heeding our frequent warnings, commodities have gone up in price to a breaking-point, a world record, with the consequence that national life is menaced and foreign trade stagnates."

In order to save this grave situation, it is most essential to consolidate our administration, finance, and taxation with a firm determination, and to this end, our Party, the Kenseikai, has formed a concrete plan.

NO OFFENSIVE ARMAMENT NEEDED.

"As for the Washington Conference, though I have no information, but what is in the daily newspapers, I am given to understand that the basis on which the naval ratio of the three Powers is placed, is unconvincing. So far as Japan's contention for the 70 per cent. is concerned, it is reported that 70 per cent. is the irreducible limit of Japan's national defence. But if defence be the object of the naval proposals, it naturally follows that there can be no need to maintain offensive strength. I am, therefore, of opinion that Japan should rather make a proposal of her own accord for the total abolition of the main squadrons of the Powers and this move is more logical, as certainly more thorough-going than Mr. Hughes' naval proposals."

FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

"In conclusion, I wish to emphasize that I am prepared to introduce the universal suffrage bill to the forthcoming Imperial Diet and that I will do everything in my power to carry through the bill in question."

MENTAL PATIENTS AT LARGE.

During the past year 12 patients, are said to have escaped from Nethersea Mental Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey. Four have not been captured.

EXCHANGE.

(Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.)

SELLING.

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Demand	2/7 3/4
30 d/s	
50 d/s	
4 m/s	2/8
T/T Hongkong	Nom.
T/T Singapore	113
T/T Japan	114 1/2
T/T India	197
Demand, India	
T/T San Francisco	55
T/T New York	
T/T Java	151
T/T Manila	Nom.
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1 m/s. D/P	2/9 1/2
1 m/s. L/O	2/9 1/2
10 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	2/10 3/4
10 d/s. San Francisco	53
10 d/s. New York	Nom.
1 m/s. Marks	7.55
1 m/s. France	7.75
5 m/s. France	7.75
Demand, Germany	
Demand, New York	53 1/2
T/T Bombay	Nom.
Demand, Bombay	197
T/T Calcutta	Nom.
Demand, Calcutta	197
10 d/s. Yokohama	114 1/2
Demand, Manila	121
Demand, Singapore	113
Demand, Batavia	151
10 d/s. Haiphong	Nom.
10 d/s. Saigon	Nom.
10 d/s. Bangkok	79 1/2
10 d/s. Cebu	Nom.
10 d/s. Manila	Nom.
10 d/s. London	46.80
10 d/s. New York	35 1/2
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10 d/s. Melbourne	35 1/2
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Kwoklamwan, from Shanghai.

Kwangshing, from Shanghai.

T. KRINO.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1921.

TIDE TABLE.

19th to 25th Dec. 1921.

Day	High Water	Low Water	Day	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 19	1 44a	4.9	Mon. 25	1 44a	4.9
Tues. 20	1 44a	4.9	Tues. 26	1 44a	4.9
Wed. 21	1 44a	4.9	Wed. 27	1 44a	4.9
Thurs. 22	1 44a	4.9	Thurs. 28	1 44a	4.9
Fri. 23	1 44a	4.9	Fri. 29	1 44a	4.9
Sat. 24	1 44a	4.9	Sat. 30	1 44a	4.9
Sun. 25	1 44a	4.9	Sun. 31	1 44a	4.9

in morning; a afternoon

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Dec. 20d. 12h. 15m.—Pressure has decreased moderately at Shanghai and slightly at Weihaiwei and over the Visayas. There are indications of depression between Borneo and the Visayas and to the north of Weihaiwei.

The anticyclone has weakened. It is now central over Korea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day. 0.00 inches. Total since January 1st. 97.33 inches, against an average of 82.70 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS

ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District Forecast.

1 Hongkong to Gap

Rock

2 Formosa Channel

3 South coast of China between H.K. & Lamooka

4 South coast of China between H.K. & Hainan

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

H.K. Observatory, Dec. 30, 1921.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day	on date	on date
Barometer	29.99	30.01
Temperature	64	63
Humidity	85	87
Wind Direction	E	E
Wind Force	3	4
Weather	od	o
Rain	0.00	0.00
Highest open air	Temperature on the 19th	66
Lowest open air	Temperature on the 19th	62
Temperature on the 20th		62
T. F. CLAXTON, Director.		
H. K. Observatory, Dec. 20.		

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